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Israeli strikes hit Lebanon

TEL AVIV (JTA and JPFS) — In one of the fiercest air strikes since the 1982 Lebanon incursion, Israeli jets and helicopter gunships blasted suspected guerrilla and military bases in southern Lebanon Sunday and Monday, including at least one Syrian-held position.

Areas around the Lebanese port city of Tripoli, north of Beirut, came under Israeli fire Monday, just as Lebanon was requesting an emergency meeting of the United Nations' Security Council.

In the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona, two civilians were killed and at least 13 others injured in retaliatory Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee panhandle.

Israeli officials announced Monday that children, the elderly and the disabled would be evacuated from the tense town.

The world chairman of the Jewish National Fund, Moshe Rivlin, on Monday invited 500 children from Kiryat Shmona and other settlements along the northern frontier to spend the next week at JNF camps in Shuni, Lavi and Tzippori.

Rockets were also launched at Israel's northernmost settlement, Metulla, where they hit an apartment building.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin visited Kiryat Shmona and Metulla Sunday evening, meeting with residents and local council heads in a gesture of solidarity. He stressed that Israel would not allow the Iranian-backed fundamentalist Hezbollah to hold northern towns and villages hostage in an effort to prevent the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) from taking action against the organization.

Syria's official news agency reported two Syrian soldiers killed, while other reports said up to six Syrian soldiers died. These would be the first Syrian military casualties by Israeli gunfire in years.

Reports of deaths on both sides of the border ranged as high as 36. At least 35 were wounded and many were reported missing.

The cabinet met late Sunday night to discuss the Katyusha attacks.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak told reporters that the security forces wanted to prevent "an uncontrolled deterioration" of the situation in Lebanon. However, he said Israel does not exclude any kind of military action in its attempt to bring security to the northern border.

Barak said the air force carefully chose 16 Hezbollah targets to bomb.

He would not specify how long the army's retaliatory attacks would last but hinted that even if it took a few days, and led to loss of troops, the IDF and air force would continue the operations until residents of the northern border could live without fear of Katyusha rockets.

The United States urged restraint from all sides involved in the fighting.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is slated to be in the Middle East this weekend, said the violence does not advance the peace process.

The Israeli strikes were ordered in response to weeks of increased clashes on the Lebanese border that have resulted in the deaths of seven Israeli soldiers this month alone — the highest monthly death toll in nearly three years.

In the latest incident, Sgt. Gad Lipski, 19, of Ramat Aviv was killed last Thursday by a mortar shell that fell near an IDF post in the northern part of the security zone Israel maintains in southern Lebanon.

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PRAISE FOR CANADIAN

Fred Oberlander, legendary Canadian Maccabiah veteran (right), is congratulated for helping make the 14th Maccabiah Games an outstanding success by Joel Rabinowitz (left), manager of the new immigrant section of Bank Hapoalim, an official Maccabiah sponsor. In a reception for team delegation leaders at the Maccabiah Village in Ramat Gan, Rabinowitz praised organizers for bringing thousands of overseas Jewish participants, their families, friends and fans into close contact with young people of Israel.

JEWS IN A CHANGING WORLD

AIDS

A Jewish Problem?

CJN reporter Stephanie Chapman takes a look at how the Jewish community is handling this fatal disease. First of a two part series.

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

"My family is having such a problem with this — they'd prefer to think I'm already dead — and I'm really getting upset about their reactions. I'm not ashamed so there's no reason for them to be," says Joel, a 42-year-old Jew who has tested positive for HIV.

[Despite the fact Joel wanted his last name used, it has been omitted to protect his family.]

Brought up in a "good Reform family" in North York, Joel's troubles began when he was 18. Upon finishing Grade 13, he took a year to travel around the world to see where the trip would end. It ended in India, the country that was to be the setting of his serious drug problems. By 1971, at the age of 20, he was a drug addict.

Joel's story is a familiar one. For the next 15 years he was in and out of jail and detention centres for using, carrying and dealing drugs until, at 35, he found himself homeless on the streets of New York.

He was diagnosed with HIV early in 1986 when he was taken to the hospital by friends. In a coma, Joel was admitted with meningitis (an infection of the spinal fluid) and suffering from kidney failure. Doctors released Joel without telling him that he carried the virus.

"There was just so much wrong with me that everyone said it was just a miracle that I came back. As soon as I got out, I went back to Washington Square Park, back on the street, back homeless — I wanted to get high," he says, adding that he paid no attention to the advice from his doctors.

He was told he was HIV positive on a follow-up visit.

"I appreciated at least knowing. I didn't believe it. Most people who test positive go through a long state of denial.

"Now I'm sick — serious sick. I'm probably dying right now. I don't think I was six months ago, but I do now. I don't know how long a stretch it will be but it's very hard.

"My T4 count (conductor cells of the immune system) has dropped drastically. They're keeping me on synthetic heroin and I thank God everyday for it. If I didn't have it, I'd be dead. I can't stand the attitude of most doctors because they think you're a f---ing junkie, but truthfully, these drugs are now keeping me alive."

Although Joel is tapping the financial support services of the Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS), he is not seeking counselling. At one point, he called Holy Blossom, the only shul in Toronto with existing AIDS and HIV programs.

"They came here to interview me about a month and a half ago and they never called me back. The sight of drug paraphernalia [belonging to visiting friends] lying around — I think that scared them. They don't want to be involved with me," Joel says.

Jonathan Lampe, chair of Holy Blossom's AIDS Committee reports that in this case, program co-ordinators understood that Joel was already appropriately matched through the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT).

Perhaps one reason why Joel is hesitant to turn to the Jewish community for help is the reaction he has received from his own family.

"My mother no longer will let me touch her. She doesn't want a hug even. She's scared. You'd think over the years, she'd get better — she's not. She's getting worse. My father won't talk to me. He thinks I'm dead already. I guess that adds a lot of pressure." Joel says, his voice breaking.

"My own brother won't talk to me or let me see his children. His wife, who is a registered

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nurse, claims she was having nightmares that I was biting her children. And even if I was, there's not one case that saliva ever caused AIDS. I said to her 'You're a nurse! You should know better.'

"I like life and I want to live. I kicked someone out of my house last week for chain smoking because it was killing him and I don't want any part of it! I'd like to live. I'd like to stay alive."

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AIDS — A Jewish Problem?

Denial. Anger. Rejection. Pain. These words describe the life of someone who is HIV positive or has developed full-blown AIDS.

Research into the Toronto Jewish community's handling of this modern-day plague revealed some startling gaps in perception.

Those who carry the virus lament the fact that there are few Jewish services available. Yet, they themselves remain silent, living in fear of the rejection and condemnation that almost inevitably comes with discovery.

On the other hand, this same anonymity is keeping Jewish organizations and synagogues from instituting outreach programs because of their perception that "the numbers aren't there." Financial restraints, fearsome myths about the disease and religious attitudes concerning lifestyles inhibit those who are willing to help from coming forward.

The need to remain unidentified has forced many to turn to the general community for aid, and therefore no figures exist that accurately document how many Jews have contracted the disease. However, based on discussions with patients, it is obvious that the number of anonymous Jews suffering from the virus is significant.

As a result of this secrecy, much of the information obtained from the organizations and synagogues does not reflect the true nature of the problem.

"We have a few — and a few is the word — at the moment we probably have about a half a dozen on our caseload, of people with AIDS," says Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Toronto's JF&CS.

He points out that many Jewish patients are making use of general facilities because JF&CS cannot provide services like medical, nursing and home care.

"It's fair to say that, other than the program at Holy Blossom, we haven't done a lot of outreach. Some of them [services] are 'not our business', which is not to say that we don't care about them, but they aren't part of our mandate.

"This agency provides financial assistance if people are in need — over and above what they are entitled to from the government. Its called a supplementary assistance program and that's primarily what they come to us for," he says, adding that while some do come for family counselling, again most opt to use the services in the general community.

Wolfe adds that his organization is always willing to look at implementing counselling programs.

"We respond to needs by hearing about them, but frankly, particularly in this environment of cutbacks and staff shortages, we're not doing as much outreach as we would like."

Gordon Wolfe

The AIDS programs at the Holy Blossom Temple, a Reform congregation, were founded on the philosophy of outreach. This synagogue has been blazing trails in this area for the last four years.

"We would have lectures and information meetings, and slowly, the program developed. Now, there are several branches to it. We soon found out that Jews with AIDS felt totally abandoned by the Jewish community," says Rabbi Dow Marmur.

In addition to a Buddy program and an AIDS Assist group, Rabbi Marmur and his associates are on-hand to provide assistance to families and patients.

"One thing we do is an AIDS seder every year. We deliberately don't do it at the temple because the synagogue is still a frightening place for many who have been so badly hurt by what they perceive to be the intolerance of the Jewish community," he says, adding that such intolerance is still strong.

"We have images of ourselves of being family-oriented and so we have difficulties in dealing with deviants or those we perceive to be deviants. Whether we intend to be intolerant or not, a lot of gay people feel that the mainstream community is intolerant."

Rabbi Marmur adds that sometimes one has to step outside Jewish tradition and law in order to practise Judaism.

"It's very easy to say, 'Well, that's it. They are gays or they are junkies. Unfortunately, what can we do? If they had stayed within the straight and narrow path, it wouldn't have happened to them.' This is the attitude you have in the community on a whole range of issues, like intermarriage.

"This is all very well but there's a reality out there and in the case of AIDS, people who have acquired it either because of drugs or homosexuality are still our brothers and sisters."

Rabbi Marmur says the tragedy is deepened in the case of those who have contracted the disease through other means such as blood transfusions.

For people who have been diagnosed HIV positive or with AIDS any picture of the future is bleak.

Within the community, there is the attitude that as long as Holy Blossom is handling the problem, others can afford to stay on the sidelines, Rabbi Marmur says.

"We would be very happy if every congregation in the city would imitate us. We really have no particular need to keep this to ourselves because we have come across many people — gay people and also people with AIDS who are Orthodox Jews — who would like to be affirmed and accepted in a place by the representatives of the kind of Judaism that they want for themselves."

Rabbi Marmur's plea has not fallen on deaf ear. This fall, Stephen (Shmuel) Stolero, an Orthodox volunteer, is addressing the challenge. He is hoping to institute a program that will provide the Orthodox with a response to AIDS. The group will be facilitated by ACT. Today, the group is searching for a location.

"I think that there are some parts of the community that may have originally been somewhat hesitant but I think that is true of the general community as well," says Rabbi Mark Dratch of the Orthodox Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

"We are opposed to homosexuality and we're opposed to drug abuse. Homosexuality is prohibited by the Torah.

"[But there is] the mitzvah called Bikkur Cholim (caring for the sick) and it's actually a way of fulfulling our mandate — of fulfulling the divine image in which we are created. We have a divine obligation to visit the sick and take care of them," says Rabbi Dratch.

"We don't condone homosexuality but we separate the sin from the sinner. There are certain behaviors that make a person a greater risk for AIDS but there are many people who have AIDS who have not engaged in what we term as sinful behavior who are suffering as well. That person needs help. We're here to help them regardless of what their previous behavior has been."

To date, AIDS organizations have taken a proactive and aggressive approach to eradicate myths about this disease but many still remain. This fact is reflected in the low numbers of volunteers.

"They [volunteers] don't know how to handle it and they don't know what the repercussions might be," says Rabbi Sheldon Korn of Adath Israel, a Conservative synagogue.

Rabbi Korn adds that some people, out of ignorance, feel that this is almost a voluntary disease based upon lifestyle.

"It's a very emotional thing. We're seeing young people who appear to be at one moment very physically strong and virile, so to speak. All of a sudden, over the course of months, they decay and disintegrate into practically nothing. It's very upsetting. You have to be very strong emotionally and there has to be a support mechanism," he says, adding that the shul recently started a mitzvah corps that will make visitations.

"I don't want to bring out that we're not doing anything. If the need were there, Adath Israel would be one of the synagogues in the forefront trying to allow people to come into our synagogue. We'd supply the need if people approached us. In the future, as a result of this article, if people come over and want to approach us, and they would like to use the synagogue for something, I'm sure that the synagogue would give it serious consideration."

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"The Jewish community has not been very responsible. The Jewish community is supposed to care about the Jewish community. When the Holocaust was over, there were all these groups — if you came from a certain city in Poland, there was a group here waiting for you. The Jewish community has always taken care of their own, taken care of those in need and those who weren't well. So, how are they turning their back on everything they have always done throughout their entire history?. This is just another type of Holocaust except this one is a virus. They have not taken a big enough stand."

What gives this man the right to stand and criticize the entire community? His name is Bobby and he's a 44-year-old homosexual Jew. Since he was diagnosed HIV positive over eight years ago, he has seen first-hand how the disease has affected the community. According to Bobby, the community's response is lacking.

"Jews don't hit their wives. Jews don't drink. Jews aren't gay and Jews don't get AIDS.

"We [the Jewish community] do have a strong sense of denial. This bit about Jews make the best husbands, all these myths we've perpetrated over the years, you marry a nice Jewish boy — its all a bunch of malarky. Not that there aren't nice Jewish boys — there are — but they are susceptible to everything everyone else is," Bobby says.

Bobby, originally from Winnipeg, was raised in a Conservative family. Their support has remained constant throughout his ordeal. His background is similar to that of many nice young Jewish boys.

"I went to Hebrew school. I read, write and speak Hebrew and I worked for all the groups — BBYO, Young Judea — you name it. I've always been very spiritual."

In his chosen career, as an elementary school teacher, Bobby enjoyed working with his pupils and talking with parents. "However, if I ever stood up and said 'I'm HIV positive' the school would have been empty."

For the past two years, instead of teaching and attending parent/teacher interviews, Bobby has been a volunteer Buddy at Holy Blossom; has worked at ACT and People With AIDS (PWA); has answered the AIDS Hotline; and much more.

He bluntly states that the Jewish community "would not be your first thought for support. You would go to the general anonymous community where you would get a lot of help and support and you know the Jewish part is not the main part. It's the HIV that's the main concern.

"You really have to throw things at the Jewish community. We're so stubborn. We're not just a culture — we're a culture based on religion. Fortunately, there are various ways to interpret the Bible. Many people want to take it in such a literal way, but at the same time, its the law," Bobby says, citing Bikkur Cholim (tending the sick) as an example.

"How do these Orthodox people get away with it? They don't have to accept homosexuality and this is what is stopping them, from the beginning, from doing anything about it. Its not just AIDS you're fighting in the Jewish community, its homophobia.

"I know a lot of Orthodox people who are HIV positive and they're the most secretive of the whole lot because of the effect it would have on their family and kids. You might as well be stoned to death. You'd be totally excommunicated by your community so it's kept completely secret."

It is a deadly secret.

Rabbi Dratch responds "I think, to a large degree, there has been a lot of stereotyping and there's been a lot of hesitancy to deal with this situation, not only in the Orthodox community but across the board. We still have an obligation to care for the sick and if what he says is true, we still have a long way to go to fulfill our obligation."

He adds that there is an increasing sensitivity to the issue.

With the number of people who have been diagnosed HIV, what's going to happen to their secret when they get sick?

"What happens? I went to one of my Jewish friend's funeral and first thing, the mother came rushing over and said 'Keep your mouth shut. Don't say a word. No-one knows.'

"He didn't die of AIDS! My God, what a mockery! In honoring this guy's life, in his death, we're lying right up to the very end. Its just a bunch of s--t," Bobby says angrily.

"We're not embarrassed or ashamed about any of this but we're playing this cover-up game right to the very end. Even at his own funeral, you can't say the word. I just want to stand up and yell 'AIDS, AIDS, AIDS, AIDS!

"We're never going to change attitudes if we won't have an obit and the picture in the paper — a speech or an announcement."

Bobby's view of the future for the community is dismal. He believes that society has not yet begun to fathom how deeply AIDS has infected, not only the gay population, but all groups.

"It is a virus and viruses don't discriminate. It doesn't care what race you are, what religion you are, what age you are or what sex you are."

To those who still believe AIDS is just a lifestyle disease, Bobby says, "I know that one day, they are going to know somebody who doesn't fit their catagories."

Shmuel Stolero

In the next issue (Aug. 12) The compassion of Stephen (Shmuel) Stolero. A volunteer helps people live with HIV and AIDS.

World

Jerusalem's new City Hall opens doors

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Toronto architect Jack Diamond scanned the plaza outside the new City Hall here as music drifted out from the still-unfinished lobby of the building. He had slipped out of the party he was throwing for those involved in the City Hall project in order to conjure up for a guest those parts of his architectural vision that most visitors will never see.

"It's like a good movie," he said. "It can be experienced at the pictorial level or at the plot level or, if you're really well-versed in the signals, you can read the metaphors and inner meanings."

The night before, the plaza had held thousands of people in a ceremony marking the formal dedication of the new City Hall complex, still months away from completion. There had been fireworks, an orchestra and chorus, speeches by the president, prime minister and mayor.

The signals had been essentially political - an affirmation of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Jack Diamond's signals were subtler, but no less weighty.

"There are three metaphors here. One is the replication of the experience of the Old City." Visitors arriving from IDF Square will enter through a gateway, an echo of the Jaffa Gate in the distance, pass through a high-ceilinged arcade like the Old City's Cotton Market and traverse other intimate spaces before emerging onto City Hall Plaza - "like the platform of the Temple Mount."

The second metaphor lies in the contrast between the geometric formality of the paved plaza and the leafy, informal space to be developed alongside it with cafes, running water and tree-dappled shade. "This is an absolute metaphor for the contrast between the walls of the Old City, with their hard masonry, and the Kidron and Hinnom valleys alongside."

The third metaphor derives from the stand of tall palms marking the entrance to the plaza from Jaffa Road.

From a pool in this oasis-like setting, an Archimedes' screw will lift water into a small aqueduct from where it will cascade past the cafes at table level before running, Alhambra-like, in floor-level trenches to a pool on IDF Square. "This is a metaphor for a city of peace, an oasis."

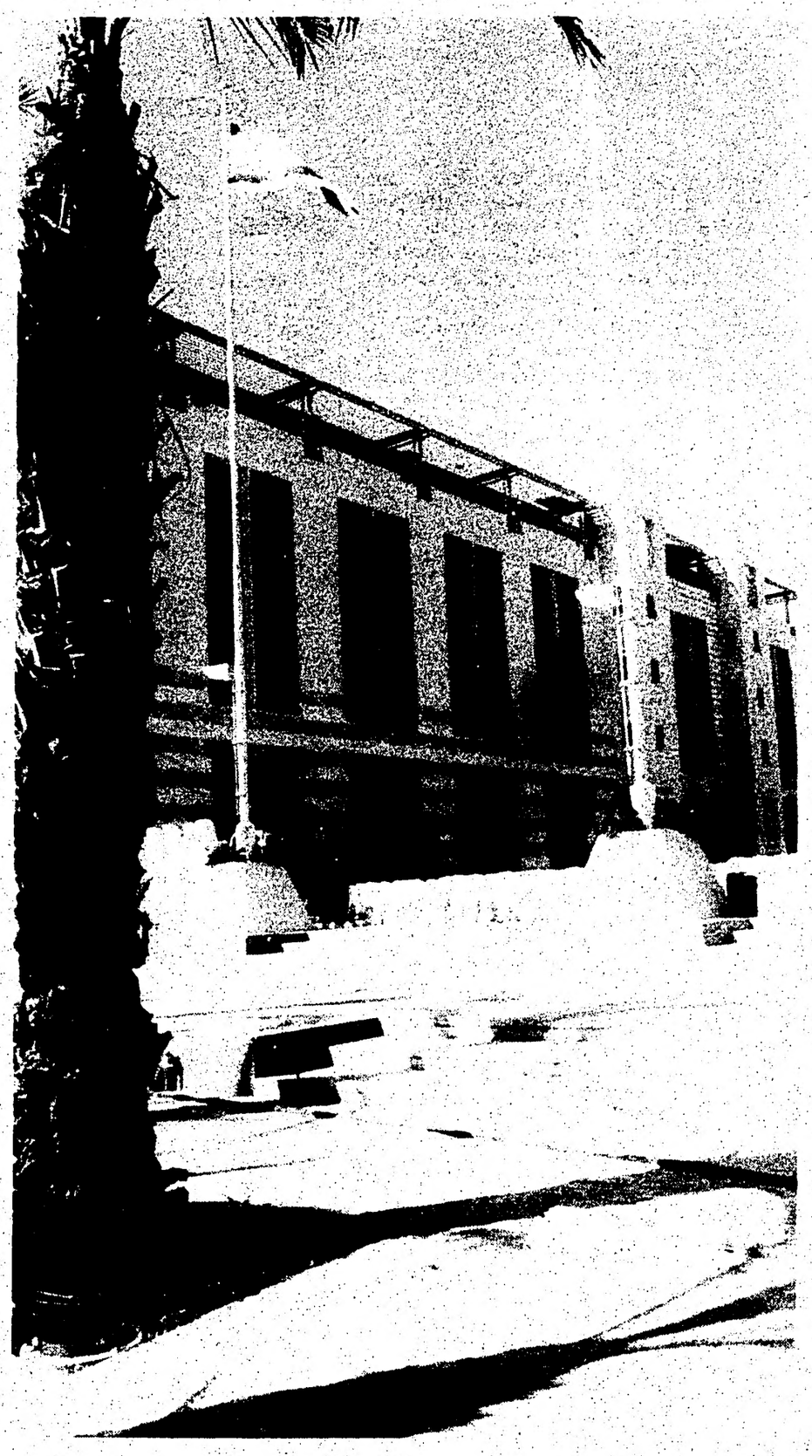
The massed palms frame the plaza at its southern end while providing a permeable passage for pedestrians from Jaffa Road. They deliberately do not screen out a view of the Bank Leumi building designed in the 1930s by Eric Mendelsohn, one of the greatest architects to have worked in the country. "I doff my hat to him and bring him into the composition," Diamond said.

The open plaza, with a capacity for 15,000 people, is destined to play a major role in the life of the city in the coming decades as a venue for both outdoor performances and for demonstrations. During choral renditions at the dedication ceremony, the acoustics proved superb. A stage has been constructed at one end of the plaza and chairs for the public will be set up for performances.

Of the 12 buildings that had existed on the site of the complex between the old City Hall and the Russian Compound, 11 have been preserved and renovated, providing a warm link to the past. They are profuse with arches which Diamond deliberately avoided in the new City Hall itself. "It's not the technology of our time."

He did not hesitate, however, to borrow from the Mamelukes by using alternating layers of rose and ocher-colored stones to break the scale of the facade.

The large metal sunscreens lining the colonnaded walkway at the foot of the building may take some getting used to. Unlike the old City Hall, which was exclusively an administrative centre, the new complex promises to be a magnet for the public and a major contributor to the dynamics of the city center at the critical point where the old and new, east and west, meet.



The new $100-million Jerusalem City Hall complex covers 83,000 square metres and has parking for 800 cars. The complex will bring together under one roof 2,000 city workers who at present are located in 36 buildings around the city. [IPPA photo]

Students of the Dvir Hotel School, which is affiliated with the Hadassah College of Technology, made a 2-metre long, 8-kilo cake in honor of the opening of the new Jerusalem City Hall. The cake was made in three sections and took a week to prepare. [IPPA photo]

Disappointing meeting

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A delegation from B'nai Brith Canada that met recently with Justice Minister Pierre Blais came away "disappointed" with an apparent lack of political will to push ahead with more cases against suspected Nazi war criminals.

The mood of the BB delegation was in marked contrast to that last November after a meeting with then Justice Minister Kim Campbell, said Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith (BB). Unlike Campbell, Blais gave no indication that there was much will to push ahead with further cases, he said.

There was also little response to a brief presented by BB last November which urged federal prosecutors to pursue denaturalization and deportation of war crimes suspects. Blais seemed to indicate that when a choice was available, prosecutors would opt for criminal charges, which are much harder to prove, Kagedan said.

"In place of an adequate response to our detailed critique of the government's performance, we got a reiteration of existing policy," said Brian Morris, chair of BB's Institute for International Affairs. "We have serious concerns about the effort's future."

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World

Canadian athletes capture medals at Maccabiah

By PAUL LUNGEN
and
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Canada's athletes posted their best-ever showing at the recently-completed Maccabiah Games, hauling in 85 medals, including 26 golds.

Ethiopian-born Joseph Kibur led the way, capturing three first-place medals on the track, but strong performances were also recorded by teams in squash, ten-pin bowling, where Montreal's Debbie Ship won three golds, track and field and wrestling. Canada's softball squad shed the bridesmaid tag gained after settling for silver medals in the last two Maccabiahs as they recorded a 4-3 gold medal victory over their nemesis, the United States.

The wrestling team, under the watchful eye of Montreal-based coach Gary Kallos, came through as it has in previous Maccabiahs, grappling and throwing its way to five gold medals. Superheavyweight Andrew Borodow of Montreal, who represented Canada at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, led the way with two golds, one in freestyle and one in greco-roman.

Another gold was won by Oleg Ladik, 21, a recent Russian emigre now living in Montreal who won the 1992 world espoir title as well as the 1992 Canada Cup in the 100-kilogram class.

The bowlers knocked over the opposition, winning seven golds while the squash squad broke new ground by capturing the team gold that for years had seemed the exclusive preserve of the South Africans and Australians.

The squash medal did not come without controversy, as Maccabiah officials had to turn to a tie-breaking formula to decide first and second place. The Australian protest of the tie-breaking formula that gave Canada the gold, and their subsequent appeal (both of which were refused), left a bad taste in the Maccabiah squash community, said Bernie Offstein, captain of Canada's Maccabiah contingent. But it couldn't mar the tremendous performance of Montrealer Jeremy Fraiberg who defeated the 60th ranked player in the world, an Australian.

The track and field team registered another big surprise, Offstein continued. In addition to Kibur's heroics, Daniel Legoff of Vancouver won the gold medal in the half-marathon, doing so in fine style. He left the field behind, winning in 1 hour, 10 minutes 15 seconds. His closest challenger finished 37 seconds behind.

Here's a breakdown of Canada's medal performance:

Senior Maccabiah: wrestling, greco-roman style: up to 62 kilogram class, David Mendelsohn, Montreal, bronze; up to 74 kg, Aaron Pomeroy, Port Robinson, Ont., silver; up to 100 kg, Daniel Joffre, Montreal, bronze; over 130 kg, Borodow, gold.

Palm trees, parrots, Caribbean music and exotic dishes greeted members of the Canadian delegation to the Maccabiah Games when the management and owners of the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel & Towers "kicked off" the social activities of the 14th Maccabiah on Canada Day, July 1. Canadian athletes are welcomed by Clement Haasid, general manager of the Sheraton Tel Aviv (fourth from right) and by Daniela Bruns (centre), co-owner of the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel & Towers, who is a resident of Toronto.

Wrestling, freestyle: up to 45 kg, Simon Forman, Calgary, silver; up to 62 kg, Jeremy Podlog, Calgary, bronze; up to 68 kg, David Mendelsohn, Montreal, gold; up to 82 kg, Stuart Tate, Calgary, gold; up to 90 kg, Yosef Mendelsohn (David's brother), bronze; up to 100 kg, Ladik, gold; Joffre, silver; over 130 kg, Borodow, gold.

Half-marathon, team event: Legoff, Joel Silverman, Vancouver and Jeff Ruttner, Montreal: silver.

Fencing, epee: Sandro Di Cori, Montreal, bronze.

Women's golf, team event, Ivy Steinberg, Debbie Goldsmith and Naomi Weiskopf, all of Montreal, bronze.

Women's gymnastics, uneven bars: Lianne Laine, Ottawa, bronze.

Men's gymnastics, bar event, Dubie Bader, Toronto, bronze: horse, Bader, bronze.

Judo, up to 60 kg class: Igor Korol, Toronto, bronze; over 95 kg, Ben Zisserson (six foot six, 310 pounds), Sydney, NS, silver.

Karate, less than 60 kg: Stav Adler, Vancouver, silver.

Rowing, single sculls female: Devra Hendelman, Montreal, silver; pair oars, male: Adam Berger, Toronto and Brian Saltpeter, Montreal, silver; four without cox male, Canada, silver.

Softball: Mark Bendahan, David Bronstine, Matthew Levinson, Barry Litman, I.J. Schecter, David Strauss, David Finkler, Phil Gigan, Bob Green, Steven Kushnir, all of Toronto; Murray Margolis, Vancouver, and Warren Cohen, Montreal, gold. Head coach, Brian Revin, assistant coach, Terry Baker.

Squash team, Fraiberg, Montreal, Michael Bacher, Toronto, Robert Kahn, Toronto, Philip Samuels, Montreal and Michael Wolch, Winnipeg, gold.

Swimming female: 100-metre butterfly, Chantal Harrison, Montreal, bronze; 200-m butterfly, Harrison, gold.

Ten pin bowling: singles, male: Howard Sculnick, Toronto, silver; doubles, male: Sculnick and Ron Sarroino, Montreal, gold; Ron Weinberg, Toronto and Kevin Belbin, Toronto, silver; five, male: Sarroino, Weinberg, Lorne Shapiro, Toronto, Belbin and Sculnick, silver; masters, male: Belbin, gold; Sarroino, silver.

Ten pin bowling: singles, female: Susan Gurman, Montreal, gold; Lisa Abush, Toronto, bronze; Debbie Ship, fourth place; doubles female, Susan Gurman, Montreal, Debbie Ship, Montreal, gold; trios, female: Gurman, Ship and Abush, bronze; fives, female: Gurman, Abush, Ship, Joy Gray, Toronto and Francine Pomerantz, Toronto, gold; all events, female: Ship gold, Abush, bronze; masters, female: Ship, gold; Abush, silver.

Track and field: 800-metre, Neal Palomino, Toronto, bronze; 1,500-metre, Kibur, gold; 5,000-metre, Kibur, gold; 10,000-metre Kibur, gold.

Masters squash, male, 55 and older: Nicki Lang, Montreal, bronze.

Masters tennis, female, 55 and older: Guita Hyman lost in quarter finals.

Masters tennis, 60 and older, male pairs: Stanley Hyman lost in quarter finals.

Junior Maccabiah: track and field: 100-metre hurdles, Jonathan Cohen, London, bronze.

Swimming, male: 4 x 100 freestyle relay, Doron Fishman, Avi Mednick, David Steiner, and David Strahl, all of Toronto, gold; 4 x 50 freestyle relay, Fishman, Mednick, Steiner and Strahl, silver; 4 x 50 individual medley relay, Fishman, silver; 100-metre backstroke, Fishman, silver; 100-metre freestyle, Fishman, bronze; 200-metre backstroke, Mednick, silver, Fishman, bronze.

Swimming, male: 200-metre individual medley, Mednick, gold; 100-metre breaststroke, Mednick, silver; 200-metre breaststroke, Mednick, silver; 100-metre butterfly, Mednick, silver; 4 x 100 individual medley, Mednick and Strahl, silver; 200-metre butterfly, Jason Singer, Toronto, bronze; 50-metre freestyle, Strahl, bronze.

Swimming, female: 100-metre butterfly, Jackie Swedlove, Ottawa, gold; 200-metre backstroke, Swedlove, silver; 200-metre butterfly, Swedlove, silver, 100-metre backstroke, Swedlove, bronze.

Gymnastics, female, beam: Michelle Porepa, Toronto, bronze; uneven bars, Porepa, bronze; vaults, Porepa, bronze; floor exercises, Allison Weiss, Montreal, silver.

Gymnastics, male, vault: Justin Gershon, Toronto, gold; rings: Gershon, bronze; floor exercises: Rusty Serebrany, Toronto, bronze.

Disabled Maccabiah: swimming: Daniel Heuman, Montreal, three golds, one bronze.

Basketball: David Lash and Jeremy Ein, Toronto and Nissim Louis, Montreal, silver medals.

Wheelchair tennis, singles: Steven Pollock lost in quarterfinals.

In other events, Canada's basketball team faced a tough draw and a grueling travel schedule that spelled the end to their medal hopes. Perennial bronze medalists, Canada opened with a 77-63 win over Brazil, but then dropped a 75-65 decision to Argentina and a 69-55 loss to the United States and was eliminated from further competition.

Canada's mini-football team racked up 2-1 wins over Australia and Croatia, tied Argentina 1-1 but lost in the quarter finals to Israel by a 4-3 margin.

In rhythmic gymnastics, Dorin Grunwald finished fourth.

Canada's rugby team, consisting of several players from Vancouver Meralomas, fell behind early to eventual gold medal winner South Africa in its opening game, fought back gamely, but fell short, losing 24-9. In their next game, they squeezed by Israel, 16-15, but in their first playoff game, lack of depth showed and they were humbled by the United States, 32-6. They lost the bronze medal game by 35-17 to Britain, finishing fourth.

Canada's young tennis team and its table tennis players failed to advance to medal play while the water polo team finished in fourth place.

Kibur catches up to win race

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — If the recent Maccabiah Games taught observers anything about Ethiopian-born Joseph Kibur, it was never to underestimate him.

A long-distance runner from a country that spawns distance runners like Canada does hockey players, Kibur was ranked only fourth going into the 5,000-metre event.

Israel's champ, Dov Kremer, a participant at the Barcelona Olympics, was in the lineup, as was highly regarded American runner Dan Middelman, an NCAA champion.

No one gave Kibur much of a chance in the race and for the first 11 laps of the 12½-lap event, Kibur ran with the pack in sixth place.

But with a lap-and-a-half to go, and with plenty of energy in reserve, Kibur made his move. Pulling away from the rest of the field, he advanced relentlessly on the leaders. With 100 metres to go he passed three of them but still trailed the two favorites.

Sprinting for all he was worth, Kibur caught the front-runners in the last 50 metres and eked past them just as the finishing line came up. He won the 5,000-metre ordeal by the slimmest of margins — 1/10th of a second over Kremer. Middelman finished fourth.

Kibur ran the last lap in 54 seconds, "the fastest finishing lap I've ever run," he said on his return to Canada.

His win in the 5,000 metres was not the only exciting finish for the 21-year-old Simon Fraser student.

In the 1,500-metres, he took the lead with 300 metres to go and held on to beat Kremer by 56/100 of a second — an eternity compared to his earlier victory.

The 10,000-metres was a different story — no contest, really — as Kibur surprised everyone, including himself, by winning with a 48-second margin over fellow Ethiopian Asaf Bimer, now running for Israel. Kibur improved his personal best time in that race by 27 seconds, finishing in 30 minutes, seven seconds.

Kibur, who hails from the Gondar region of Ethiopia, attributes much of his success to the coaching he gets at Simon Fraser University, which he is attending on an athletic/academic scholarship.

Unlike other runners who train by running long distances, Kibur goes through a lot of repetitions on the track, practicing his closing kick over and over again. Once a week, he goes for a long, 20-kilometre run.

Surprisingly, Kibur only took up the sport when his family moved to Montreal 10 years ago. He continued when they shifted residence to Toronto six years ago.

Kibur isn't sure why Ethiopia produces so many world-class distance runners, but he speculates that the lifestyle has something to do with it. In Ethiopia, no one thinks twice about walking or running a long way, he said, since only the very rich can afford a car.

Kibur recalls walking 1½ miles to school (no blizzards to contend with in Ethiopia) and he recalls that people in his village walked a mile to get water at a distribution centre.

The high altitude might have had an effect as well, he said.

His running career kicked off when at age 13, he finished third in a four-kilometre Greater Montreal cross-country championship — and that without any preparation whatsoever.

Businessman Harry Huss took Kibur under his wing, providing him with running shoes and introducing him to the junior Maccabi Games in 1986. Kibur's also participated in the 1988 junior games and the Pan American Maccabi in 1987.

By 1991 at age 19, Kibur had attained national standing and won the Pan American Junior Track and Field Championships in the 5,000-metres, his best event.

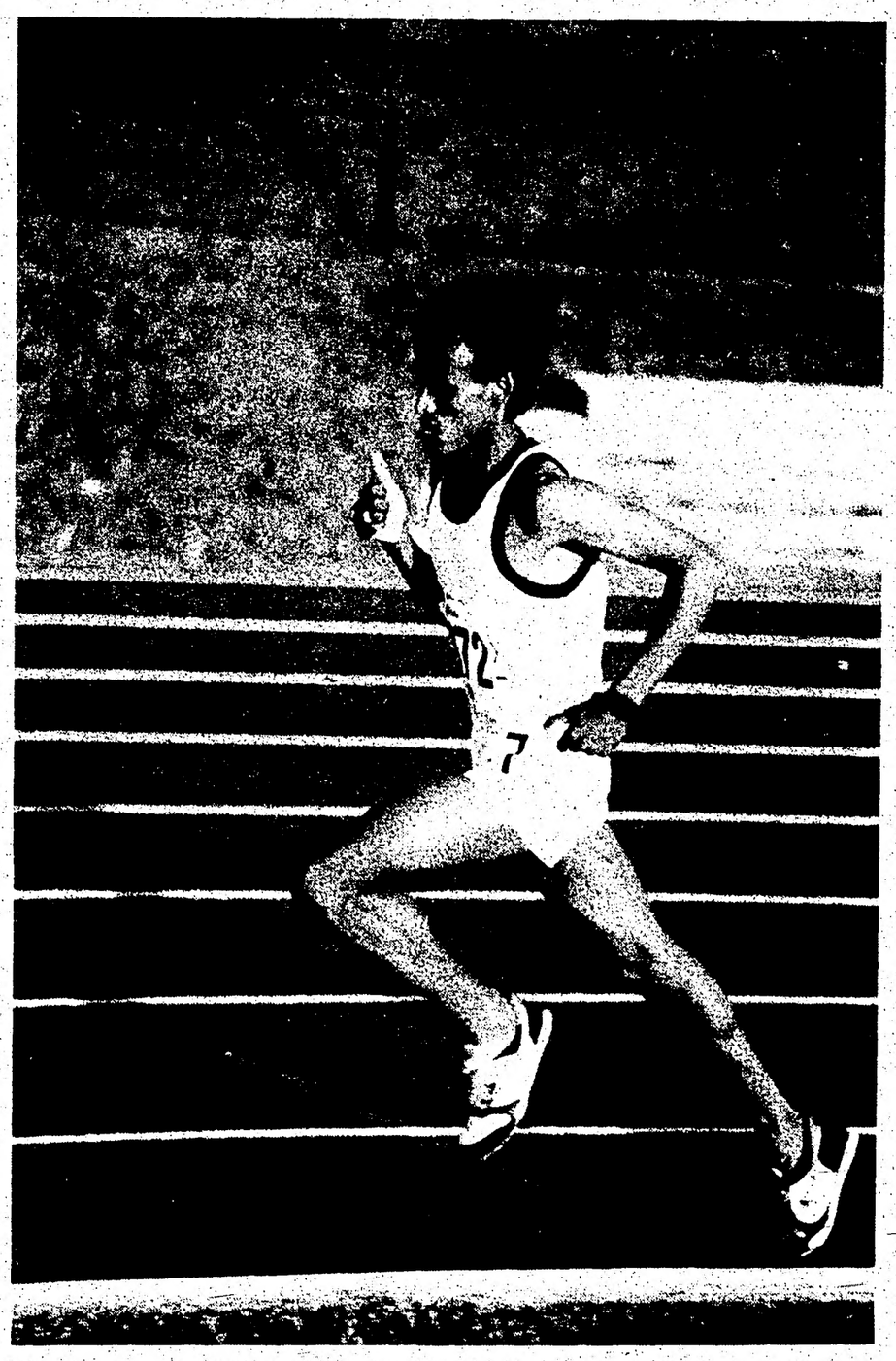
He recently was named to the national team for the Canada Games where he will participate in the 5,000- and 10,000-metre events.

His next goal is to make next summer's Commonwealth Games team and from there, he's hoping to qualify for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Plenty of people in Israel seem to think he's got world-class potential. "I got a few offers from Israeli trainers to stay and train for the Olympic Games," he said.

Kibur admits the offers were tempting, but he plans to remain in Canada. The Maccabiah marked his first-ever trip to the Jewish State, but "it's definitely not my last. I feel comfortable there. I don't have to explain being a Jew there. Here, it takes 10 minutes to explain why I'm a Jew."

For Kibur, going to Israel "was my childhood dream. Everybody in Ethiopia dreamt about being in Israel. In Gondar, Israel is the Holy Land."



Joseph Kibur shows the form that earned him three gold medals.

Lewis seeks to allay concerns

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Trying to allay concerns expressed by national Jewish groups, federal Solicitor-General Doug Lewis says bringing certain functions of the immigration department under the newly-created ministry of public security does not signal a shift in Canada's immigration policy.

The changes are in keeping with Prime Minister Kim Campbell's desire for downsized government and will not mean fewer immigrants allowed into Canada, Lewis told *The CJN* in a brief interview last week.

Lewis, the Minister-designate of Public Security, says the changes will bring the day-to-day operations of the immigration department under his future ministry. Those will include enforcement of related laws, especially those involving fraud, criminals slipping through the system or queue jumpers; customs regulations and perhaps, rules on passports.

Issues such as the setting of immigration levels, settlement programs and criteria for prospective immigrants will remain with the immigration ministry, he said.

"The government has absolutely no intention of changing its immigration policy," Lewis said. "We intend to maintain the record levels of immigration to this country."

The Tories, he pointed out, have raised immigration levels from 90,000 a year in 1984 to 250,000 annually today.

The changes are needed to "streamline" the system and to "reinforce to the public that we intend to have a fair and just policy."

Some groups "have tried to put a sinister aspect to [the changes]."

Doug Lewis

Liberal leader Jean Chretien blasted the move as "cynical and manipulative" because it "goes against the traditional Canadian approach of tolerance and openness to immigration."

And both Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) have expressed concern over the plan.

In a letter to Campbell, CJC president Irving Abella and JIAS Canada president Norman Mogil said the underlying principles of Canadian immigration policy have been the reunification of families, humanitarian outreach to the persecuted and selection of newcomers.

"To describe programs designed to bring families together, resettle refugees and attract immigrants based on labor market needs under the rubric 'Public Security' gives at least the appearance of a serious erosion of the very cornerstones of Canadian immigration policy and practice," they said.

Abella and Mogil stated that while the Jewish community shares concerns that appropriate laws must be in place to protect Canada from terrorists, criminals and hatemongers, "it now appears that this has become the major preoccupation of immigration functions, when the majority of prospective immigrants are not and should not be considered as public security concerns."

The CJC and JIAS presidents are concerned about protecting refugee claimants, since they are often seen as "queue jumpers."

JIAS national director Susan Davis said the changes worry her.

Davis, who met with Lewis last week, said that whenever abuses in the system are targeted, they target legitimate refugee claimants as well.

JIAS is keeping "a close watch" on the matter but is adopting a wait-and-see position, Davis said.

Clergy's role defined

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A prominent Baptist minister from Harlem avoided the sensitive subject of black-Jewish relations at a recent convention of rabbis, instead focusing on what he thinks is the common task of clergymen today, regardless of religion.

That job, said Rev. Calvin O. Butts III at the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, is treating the "malady of the human spirit."

Racism and anti-Semitism "and all the other 'isms' " cannot be eliminated through political action, but rather by appealing to the soul of each individual, and clergymen are uniquely endowed with this ability, he said.

Butts, leader of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in one of the poorest sections of New York, said no government can "compel a father to love his child; inspire a teacher to see the potential in a student; make a white family love the black family that just moved into its neighborhood."

Legislation cannot solve homelessness, he continued. That problem will disappear only when "humans really begin to care about one another."

At the heart of the malady is "the collapse of the god of Western progress: the expectation of unlimited material return," he said in a powerful and mesmerizing address.

Christian and Jewish clergymen are not fulfilling their roles as agents for improving the human condition because they have become ashamed of and apologetic about their ability to "release the power of God," feeling they should take a back seat to politicians and scientists.

Only when human beings have been put in touch with their own spiritual selves will they respond to the issues affecting society at large, he said.

"Don't worry about being popular, you are just called to be faithful."

He likened ministers and priests to the watchmen on sailing ships of old, who kept their lonely vigils in order to spot at the earliest moment any danger to those on board.

Essentially, the spiritual leaders of both religions have the same job: finding ways to touch the soul, he said.

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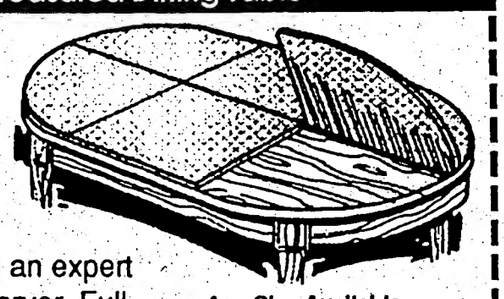

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Victoria synagogue is vandalized

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Whether it was by design or a pure coincidence, the 130-year-old Congregation Emanu-El was defaced recently, the day after the play *The Merchant of Venice* opened in a small theatre here.

The lone Victoria synagogue, which is located on a busy downtown street leading to the airport and Vancouver ferry, was marked with five swastikas. About a month ago, blood was smeared on the synagogue's outside doors, door handles and front posts.

Whether the presentation of *The Merchant of Venice* by Theatre Inconnu, a semi-professional group, had any influence on the defacings is hard to tell because the play was presented as a protest against racism.

Director Ian Case told *The CJN* he decided to do the play in a current setting, depicting his characters as skinheads in Nazi outfits against a swastika background. "Listening to the CBC news about racial violence and 'ethnic cleansing'; when neo-Nazis are killing Turkish immigrants in Germany; when Los Angeles is virtually levelled in reaction to racial tension; when there is a 1-800 number for racial hatred messages in Vancouver; when neo-Nazi ranks in Vancouver and Victoria are on the rise, I felt we should do something to protest the situation."

He acknowledged that *The Merchant of Venice* is a racist play, "written in, and for, a time when anti-Semitism was a fact of life." But by updating it to current times, he thinks it could serve as an antidote to the racists.

Case said that his *Merchant*, set in a Venice peopled by neo-Nazi skinhead youths, racist businessmen and bigoted politicians, could very well be Victoria.

Jeff Bell, reviewing it for the *Times-Colonist*, said the play is "overtly and undeniably racist . . . The audience is led to believe that such lines as 'all that glitters is not gold' and 'the quality of mercy is not strained' in reality carry a message of cruelty and intolerance."

Amcha changes name to avoid confusion

RIVERDALE, N.Y. — Am- the New York-based Jewish activ r- ganization founded by Rab' Avi Weiss, recently changed its name to The Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha to avoid confusion with the Israeli organization known as Amcha, which provides support services for Holocaust survivors and their families.

The question, "Amcha?" as explained by Rabbi Weiss in a recent newsletter, was frequently heard at the end of World War II from Holocaust survivors seeking fellow Jews. "Are you one of us, one of 'the people'?"

If the answer was affirmative, they would embrace, knowing that they had found empathetic kindred spirits, said Rabbi Weiss. The goal of his organization is "to embrace fellow Jews, wherever they are and no matter what circumstances they might find themselves in."

Fellow Jews in Canada might wonder whether the organization has in fact averted confusion by changing its name: the abbreviated form by which it will commonly be known is CJC-Amcha.

"CJC" is recognized by many Jews as the often-used designation for Canadian Jewish Congress, the national representative organization of Canadian Jewry.

CJC's Montreal-based director of communications, Mike Cohen, doesn't anticipate any confusion, as long as CJC-Amcha retains the "Amcha."

Boy's death investigated

MONTREAL — A Quebec coroner was expected this week to offer more details on the cause of death of Howard Costin, a 12-year-old boy who died while attending Camp Massad, a popular Jewish summer camp north of here.

Costin died July 15 of an apparent asthma attack while on a canoe trip in Mont Tremblant Park.

According to some reports, the boy may have had a violent allergic reaction to peanut butter.

Memorial services for Costin were held at other Jewish summer camps in Quebec.

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World

Mexican Jews strive to maintain coalition

By DAVID LAZARUS

A delegation of Jewish journalists and officials from the United States and Canada recently spent 10 days in Mexico meeting with Jewish communal, business and tourism leaders. The trip was organized through the Mexican Government Tourism Office in New York.

The following is the first of a series of reports on Jewish life in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY — Just moments after the long Aztec sun has set, cooling the smoldering dust and concrete generated by the feet and industry of 16 million, the simcha begins.

It is nightfall at the Nikko Hotel in the tony area of Polanco, where much of Mexico's affluent Jewish community live, many of whom come to see, be seen, and socialize after the serenity of Sabbath gives way to Latin restlessness on a hot Saturday night.

Upstairs, there is a wedding. Rita Jessica Jasqui is marrying Yosi Birah.

It is a Jewish wedding, strictly Orthodox. The men wear black hats, and look and dress a lot like chassidim from Brooklyn. They are, in fact, Sephardim.

They are descendants of the Jews of Aleppo, Syria, and are called the Communidad Maguen David.

They, along with the equally Orthodox Monte Sinai community, descendants of the Jews of Damascus, are called Mexico's "Arab" Jews, and eschew being called Sephardim. They speak Arabic and are among the most rigorously Orthodox of Mexico's 50,000 Jews — to the point where marriages to those who have undergone Orthodox conversions are forbidden.

The Nikko Hotel has become the place for Jews of even the most Orthodox stripe to stage bar mitzvah and wedding receptions because its assistant general manager, Zvi Weitzner, a decidedly secular Jew from Israel, had the good business sense to put into place the strictest halachic standards.

Upstairs, the men and women congregate outside the massive reception hall, while kippah-clad musicians play a combination of ear-splitting rock and klezmer. A mood of joyous celebration filters raucously through the hallways.

Inside the reception hall, the men and women are kept strictly apart and dance until dawn breaks.

On this Saturday night, these Jews, on the one hand mixing and mingling together while on the other staying apart both from themselves and from their Mexican compatriots, seem to reflect the challenge facing Mexican Jewry within and without:

How, ultimately, to be both Mexican and Jewish? How to preserve a fragile coalition of several Jewish communities that is both a source of unique dynamism and inner tension?

Following lengthy discussions with Mexican Jewish community officials and religious leaders, the picture that ultimately emerges is of a young, self-conscious, superbly organized and family-oriented community very much in the process of redefining itself within the context of a Mexico that is itself trying to come to terms with western modernism, pluralism, democracy and, hopefully, a coming era of free trade.

Relationship with government superb

Across the board, Mexican Jews said their community's relationship with the government under president Carlos Salinas de Gortari is superb.

But it is also a Jewish community which leaders say wears its Jewishness proudly in private and sparingly in public. It prefers to work behind the scenes in its outside representations. Yet it is anxious to be a complete, integral part of a Mexican society that tends to regard its Jews as Jews first and Mexicans second.

This is not because of anti-Semitism, community figures stress (anti-Semitic incidents are extremely rare), but out of ignorance.

Judit Bokser de Liwerant, perhaps the Jewish community's most renowned intellectual figure, says Mexican Jewry will profit from Mexico's new thrust towards pluralism, in contrast to the historical concept of "ethnic fusion" that once dominated the Mexican culture.

"Are we Mexicans or are we Jews?" asks Rabbi Marcelo Rittner, spiritual leader of one of Mexico City's two Conservative congregations, the Congregacion Bet-El, situated in Polanco.

"I think if you're over age 35, you tend to think of yourself as a Mexican first and Jewish second. The new generation is now thinking more in terms of first being Jewish, then Mexican.

"We are a young Jewish community, and [at this point] are Mexican Jews not by origin, but by location."

Whether Rabbi Rittner is right or wrong, there is no disagreement that Mexican Jews, in almost every respect, are among the most identified Jews in the world, with almost every Jew a member of one of the kehillot (communities).

The question in Mexico seems more to be with which kehilla to identify. In Mexico, there is not one Jewish community. Depending on with whom you speak, there are at least seven Jewish communities, or sectors as they are called here: the above-mentioned Maguen David and Monte Sinai Syrian communities, as well as an Ashkenazi community; Sephardim from the Balkans; the Bet-El and Beth-Israel Conservative congregation communities; and a famous sports and cultural centre, the Centro Deportivo Israelita, a much more elaborate version of a JCC or YM-YWHA that is listed as its own sector and has members from all the above groups.

The independence of Mexico's Jewish communities would seem something of a foreign concept to the rest of the North American Jewry. But in Mexico, somehow it seems to work.

Each of the sectors, because of their religious, historical and cultural differences, operates autonomously. Each has its own Beth Din, schools, kosher certification and burial societies.

There are frictions between the religious communities — especially between the Conservative and Orthodox segments — but they all are supported faithfully by their own members and are thriving.

They are held together at an official level by the Comite Centrale Israelita de Mexico, the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico founded in November 1938 to be the representative voice of Mexican Jewry in its dealings with the Mexican government and world Jewry.

The most active component of the Central Committee is the Tribuna Israelita, Mexican Jewry's equivalent of Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations committee. The Tribuna Israelita has the most direct contact with Mexican officials and tries to build consensus among its members on issues like Mexican/Israeli relations. In general, it protects and furthers the interests of Mexican Jewry.

Also within the structure of the Central Committee is the 52-year-old Mexican Council of Jewish Women, a member of the International Council of Jewish Women. Mexican Jewry also has a separate WIZO organization, the WIZO Organizacion Femenina, within which operates the Mexican Women's Federation, the Federacion Femenina, as well as Na'amat, known as Na'amat/Damas Pioneras.

As in the general society, women are now starting to seek careers, and the community as a whole is beginning to move away from a parochialism that has characterized it in the past. Dina Siegel, the vivacious executive director of the Tribuna Israelita, jokes that Mexico now has its own version of the Jewish American Princess, the "Jewish Aztec Princess."

B'nai Brith, Israeli Bonds and Keren Hayesod, in Mexico known as the Association for the Preservation of the Hebrew Language, also thrive, and it is often, if quietly, pointed out that Mexican Jews are among the most active supporters of Israel in the world.

The reason for the discretion is that it is illegal for Mexicans to send currency abroad. Yet Mexican officials seem to turn a blind eye to the practice out of their interest in furthering good relations with the Jewish community, which is perceived as an influential force far belying its numbers.

Whatever those numbers may be. The Mexican Jewish community, extremely prosperous from decades of activity in commerce, real estate, the textile industry, and to a lesser extent the professions, has no real statistics on itself.

The most oft-quoted number of Jews in Mexico is 50,000, but no one knows for sure whether this figure still applies. According to Siegel, there is a perceived decline in the community, but it is one that has stabilized. Pessimists think the Jewish population is as low as 35,000, optimists 60,000, with the overwhelming majority living in the nation's capital and small but healthy communities of 150 or so families in Guadalajara, Monterrey and Tiajuana.

Jewish community officials acknowledge that the sheer wealth of the community, which lives, prays and attends school mostly in the most affluent Mexico City neighborhoods of Polanco Las Lomas and Tecamachalco, has the potential to work both for and against the community. This is what makes it circumspect. Rabbi Rittner calls Mexican Jewry a "Sha, Shtil" community.

Siegel acknowledges there are implicit risks in being a visibly wealthy community of 50,000 in a Catholic nation of 80 million. Here, where the gap between rich and poor grows daily, the Jewish community does not publicly flaunt its prosperity.

It is also not one to stage noisy public protests, preferring to lobby through contacts or correspondence. Mexican president Salinas's good relations with the community are in part founded on the hope that Mexican Jews will make contacts with other prosperous Jews in North America and open investment doors in the era of the hoped-for North American Free Trade Agreement.

Siegel says Mexicans, in their collective unconscious, do not yet understand the concept of Jewish identity. On the very rare occasion, a Jewish canard comes out.

After the devastating 1985 earthquake that came close to decimating Mexico City, Siegel remembers Jews were accused of trying to remove valuable property from their factories while ignoring the pleas for help from their trapped employees. The reality was that the Jewish community raised a huge amount of money for the general relief far out of proportion to its population.

If anything, says Mario Nudelstejer, the Central Committee's executive director, the tendency towards circumspection has in a sense made the Jewish community less influential than it might otherwise be. While there are a disproportionately high number of Jews involved in the intellectual life of the country — the arts, sciences and academia — few have run for political office.

Historical streaks of resentment within Mexico towards the United States and its allies — such as Israel — have also on occasion come to reflect onto the Jewish community.

Assimilation not viewed as problem for community

Siegel remembers the period of the Gulf War as a particularly difficult time. One newspaper, *Excelsior*, published "Israel-bashing" cartoons that could only be interpreted as anti-Semitic. The Tribuna Israelita reacted, albeit in a typically understated way.

By every account, the Mexican Jewish community is "very traditional" in regards to its affiliations and family life. Children live at home until they marry, with only the rare exception. Seventy-five percent of Jewish children attend eight Jewish secular schools and three religious schools and intermarriage is rare.

"Assimilation," says Simon Nissan, president of the Central Committee, "is not a problem."

In the view of Rabbi Rittner, Mexican Jews in general "think like Conservatives, act like Reform and affiliate with Orthodox."

It is both an old and young community. Jews have lived in Mexico since the Spanish Conquest of the early 16th century, but they did not start coming in numbers until the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Many came from Europe during the 1930s to escape persecution.

In the view of Siegel, the Jewish identity within Mexico is "more solid" than in the United States, and has a more active Jewish and Zionist-oriented life. Most of the Jewish community is now native-born, with Sephardim outnumbering Ashkenzim 55 percent to 45 percent. Almost every school child goes on an organized trip to Israel as part of the curriculum.

Siegel says the Jewish community is being obliged to become more active in the political process as the forces of pluralism in Mexico seek to prevail. The Central Committee, for example, has insituted a "pluralism program"; has subcommittees on international relations and social action; and has been active is providing help to Cuban Jews.

There are problems, of course. The separation of communities and their disparate ideologies are both as a source of strength and weakness in the search for the ties that bind. Young Jews are seen as the potential glue. Jewish youth have formed federations at universities, gradually creating a "cultural synchronism" between the communities, says Nudelstejer.

But at the same time, says Yoshua Kipnis, director of Centro Deportivo, Jewish youth are also vulnerable to the temptations of adolescence, such as drugs and alcohol. It is a problem the community is trying to address through the sports centre's youth department.

What the Jewish community does need, says Siegel, is more long-term planning and "professionalization" of Jewish community work. There is a Jewish studies curriculum at the Hebrew American University which could help, but no real professional development program is in place. Siegel and Nudelstejer, who have worked 11 and 18 years respectively for the community, constitute two-thirds of the Jewish community's full-time professionals.

Such long-term planning, it is thought, will not be possible without a more accurate idea of just how many Mexican Jews there are. To that end, Mexican researcher Sergei de la Pergola is conducting a study at Hebrew University in conjunction with the Collegio de Mexico that could bring a more accurate profile.

The perception of Jews within Mexico is also evolving.

Despite their complete acceptance within the mainstream of Mexican society, ignorance still breeds an image of Jews as more influential than their numbers, even though they are by and large not in politics or the strategic industries.

Even to this day, mainstream newspapers may mention the Jewish identity of a Mexican convicted of a crime, but not when bestowed with a great honor. Then he or she is just a Mexican, says Siegel.

Dina Siegel, director of the Tribuna Israelita.

Canada

PEI hate crime trial ends in conviction

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A Prince Edward Island court has convicted a Lebanese landed immigrant of promoting hatred against Jews.

Supreme Court Judge Armand DesRoches found that Michel Safadi, 29, "misrepresented himself in letters [sent to churches and organizations] as a Jew, and directed attacks against Christianity and government institutions using highly provocative and disgusting language. There is no doubt in my mind that in doing so he subjectively desired the promotion of hatred against the Jews.

"There is little doubt that the accused (Safadi) bears an ill-will towards the Jewish people," Judge DesRoches wrote in his decision. "I am also satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that his purpose was to instill in the recipients of the letters detestation, enmity, ill-will and malevolence towards Jews. Clearly the letters were designed to fan the fires of anti-Semitism. They portray Jews as haters of Christianity and Christian values and beliefs and as threats to democracy and law enforcement organizations.

"The vile, obscene and disgusting nature of the language used in the letters could lead to members of the Jewish faith being despised, scorned and denied respect on the basis of group affiliation."

Safadi, a former member of the Lebanese National Army, had been tried on a number of charges, including attempted murder, threatening to torch a PEI restaurant, using a firearm while committing an indictable offence and carrying a firearm for a dangerous purpose.

Safadi was acquitted of the attempted murder offence but was found guilty of the included, lesser offence of discharging a firearm with intent to wound. He was also convicted of carrying a weapon for a purpose dangerous to the public peace and he was acquitted of threatening to destroy the restaurant.

He is due to be sentence in mid-September.

The event that triggered the sometimes bizarre trial of Safadi, in which he claimed the Israeli secret service framed him, took place in December 1992 when John MacEachern was shot in the abdomen. MacEachern was living in a house that was listed in the PEI telephone directory as the residence of Lorne Israel.

Police found Safadi two days later in the same location where they recovered three spent cartridges that expert witnesses later identified as being discharged from Safadi's gun.

Police also linked Safadi to 45 letters sent throughout the province that attacked Christianity and which were signed with Stars of David, "The Free Jews" or "Long Live Israel." A handwriting expert testified the writing matched Safadi's and his palm and finger prints were found on two of the letters.

Hal Joffe, national co-chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the successful prosecution "is a lesson for attorneys-general elsewhere that these cases can be won."

He said Judge DesRoches "helps Canadian jurisprudence by giving a further definition of hatred and [the case] is significant in that it protects a very small Jewish community (estimated at 30 people) who, if this activity were permitted, could be in some jeopardy."

New Carmelite controversy

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A new controversy has erupted over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz. The 12 nuns have left the building but the mother superior has sub-leased it to a group who in the past, according to a Canadian source, sponsored petitions to keep the building as a convent.

Though the mayor of Oswiecim says the Carmelite order had no right to sub-lease to The Society of Victims of World War II, there is every indication that the matter will drag through the courts.

"I am absolutely horrified," said Nathan Leipciger, chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress. He will report on the matter to the next executive meeting of CJC. The Society says it wants to turn it into a memorial for Polish victims of World War II. On the basis of conversations with Polish newspaper editors, Sigmund Sobolewski, a Polish Catholic survivor of Auschwitz who lives in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, told *The CJN* that The Society of Victims gathered several hundred signatures of residents of Oswiecim on a petition asking the Pope to reverse the decision to close the convent. The same group also collected 1,000 signatures of local people in 1989 opposing the protest against the convent made by Rabbi Avraham Weiss, Sobolewski said.

Leipciger said the convent building should be turned over to the museum.

"I find it very strange that a press conference was held in the Auschwitz museum cafeteria at which a lawyer for The Society announced the lease and just 600 feet away in his office, the museum director Jerzy Wroblewski, knew nothing about it," Sobolewski said.

In his opinion, the new lease is just another instance of Polish authorities stone walling Jewish requests for changes at Auschwitz.

"One Polish weekly has implied that Dr. Benignus Josef Wangt, the general director of the Carmelite order, approved Mother Superior Maria Teresa Magiera's action in subleasing to keep Jews away from this building," he said.

"The Mother Superior is a small cog in the Catholic hierarchy and would not dare to act alone."

Jerzy Turowicz, editor of a Catholic weekly in Krakow, told Sobolewski that he thinks the 30-year sub-lease was illegal and not binding.

The original 99-year lease given to the order in 1984 specified that the building had to be used as a convent. It was known as the "old theatre" and during the Holocaust it was used to store deadly Zyklon B pellets used in the Auschwitz gas chambers.

Sobolewski described the new tenants as "a super-nationalistic society."

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

SCHOCHET — SACKIN — CHALEF

The Hebrew word "Shochet" describes a ritual slaughterer of animals or fowl by a religiously prescribed technique designed to minimize suffering of a living creature.

The instrument prescribed for schechita is regulated by Jewish law. Hence the Hebrew words for the ritual knife Sackin and Chalef.

DOLGOFF — DOLGY

I read of the passing recently of an old neighbor and friend Rose Dolgoff. She was the widow of a pioneer mohel in Toronto and was active in Jewish communal affairs.

The name comes from the Polish word "dlugi" meaning tall or long.

The German equivalent is Hochman — tall man.

Yiddish declining as mother tongue

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The number of Canadians claiming Yiddish as their mother tongue has declined, although not as dramatically as in previous years, statistics from the 1991 census show.

The figures reveal that in 1991, 21,395 Canadians listed Yiddish as their mother tongue, defined as the first language learned and still understood.

That's compared to the 22,700 people who said the same thing in the 1986 "mini-census." But the 1986 figures were a dramatic drop from 1981, when 32,800 Canadian Jews, or 11 percent of the Jewish population, said Yiddish was their mother tongue.

Despite the negligible drop in the numbers, the newest statistics seem to uphold long-held concern in the Jewish community that *mama loshen* is on a steady decline. In 1931, 96 percent of Canadian Jews said their mother tongue was Yiddish; by 1961, the figure was 32 percent; today, it is seven percent of Canadian Jews.

But the 1991 census shows a turnabout for Yiddish in Montreal. In 1986, Toronto boasted more Yiddish speakers than Montreal; the latest figures show 9,200 of Yiddish mother tongue in Montreal versus nearly 8,500 for Toronto.

The small decline in Yiddish as mother tongue over the past five years is attributable to the number of Chassidic families who have moved to Canada, according to Prof. Leo Davids of York University.

The figures could have been more worrisome had it not been for the thousands of Chassidim who moved here during the booming economy of the '80s and whose typically large families speak Yiddish, Davids told *The CJN*.

Chassidim were attracted to Canada because Toronto's Reichmann family and other wealthy Canadian Orthodox Jews offset travel and living costs. The Chassidim, mainly from New York, have high birth rates and tend to speak Yiddish both in and out of the home, Davids explained.

Picking up steam with young

Because the strong economy is history, driving these Chassidim out of Canada, Davids feels the decline of Yiddish will be dramatic in the 1996 census.

Davids, a sociology teacher, has been tracking Yiddish in Canada for years. One glimmer of hope he offers is that, according to his research, Yiddish seems to be picking up steam among younger people.

The figures may prove him right. The 1991 numbers show that in the 0-4 age group, there were 685 whose first language was Yiddish, followed by 620 aged 5 to 9. The fewest Yiddish speakers — 190 — were aged 20 to 24. The numbers jump back to 685 for those aged 35 to 39 and 1,340 for those 40 to 44 years old.

Neverthless, the largest number of those having Yiddish as their mother tongue — over 12,000 — were aged 65 and up.

In Montreal, Davids found that 16 percent of Yiddish speakers were 15 and under, versus eight percent of Yiddish speakers Canada-wide who are less than 15.

Correction

A July 8 *CJN* story on the appointment of Erminie Joy Cohen to Canada's Senate neglected to report that Nathan Nurgitz is no longer a senator. He was appointed a provincial court judge in Manitoba earlier this year. The story also did not mention that Sen. Jack Austin (Lib.-B.C.) is Jewish, as is Sen. Ron Ghitter (P.C.-Alberta), who was appointed by former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney last March.

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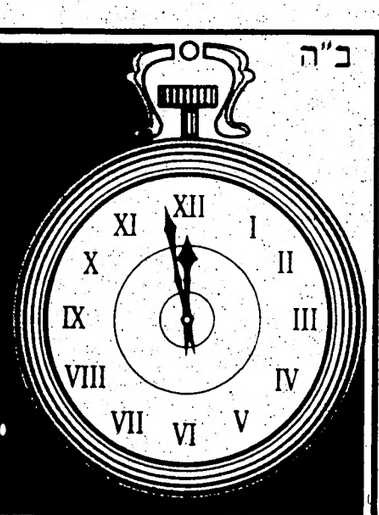
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Israel launches strike in retaliation for slain soldiers

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In addition, Cpl. Yonathan Boiden, also 19, of Tel Mond died Sunday at a Haifa hospital from wounds suffered in a Hezbollah attack July 9.

Rabin convened a meeting Friday of the ministerial defence committee, which decided Israel should respond militarily to the escalation of violence in Lebanon.

The air strikes were given final approval during a cabinet meeting Sunday morning. Shortly afterward, the government summoned the heads of the opposition parties to the Prime Minister's office to brief them on the military operation and win their support.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Rafael Eitan and Rehavam Ze'evi, who respectively head the opposition Likud, Tsomet and Moledet parties, all gave their full support for the operation.

At 11:30 a.m. local time, Israeli air force fighter aircraft and assault helicopters began raiding nine guerrilla targets, eight of them belonging to Hezbollah, or Party of God, and one to Ahmed Jabril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a secular Palestinian terror group.

Most of the raids were in the southern end of the Bekaa Valley, which is under Syrian protection, particularly near Ba'albek, the military headquarters of Hezbollah.

As the Israeli army announced the raid, residents of northern Israeli border towns and settlements were instructed to take immediate shelter in air raid bunkers.

The fatal rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona occurred around 8:20 p.m. local time Sunday when a rocket hit a residential area.

In response to the Katyusha attacks, air force planes attacked additional guerrilla bases in a wide area of Lebanon north of the security zone, and Israeli heavy artillery batteries moved about the zone, lobbing shells at long-range targets.

An IDF spokesman stressed that the targets were guerrilla and terrorist bases located as far as possible from civilian concentrations.

The IDF said Hezbollah was warned that it would bear full responsibility for civilian casualties in the IDF raids, since their policy is to hide their headquarters and bases among civilians.

In Israel, the attack brought back bad memories of the Lebanon War and concern that the operation could escalate.

"I hope that the operation will not get complicated," said Commerce and Industry Minister Micha Harish of the Labor Party.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of the dovish Meretz bloc said he hoped his fears would not materialize, and another Meretz minister, Yair Tsaban, said he would rather not say anything at this moment, hardly concealing his concern.

Ground attack possible

JERUSALEM — "Israel will not rule out the option of sending ground forces into Lebanon," said Deputy Defence Minister Motta Gur on Monday. "We must not allow the trauma of the Lebanon War to influence our policy decisions," said Gur during a visit to the northern border town of Metulla.

Earlier, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he did not expect the operation in Lebanon to last a long time. Rabin, who is also defence minister, said he was confident that Israel's action would not harm the peace process.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres declared that Israel is not at war with Lebanon. "This is a war against the Hezbollah, a foreign entity in Lebanon, which gets its orders from Iran." He added that the goal of the military operation is to harm Hezbollah forces and to get the government and residents of Lebanon to pressure the organization to stop its attacks against Israel.

But General (res.) Shlomo Gazit, a former head of military intelligence, expressed doubt that the operation would harm the Hezbollah. "Israeli artillery and airforce attacks have been ineffective," he said, "because Hezbollah forces have had ample time to flee or hide. It would be a miracle if any of them were injured in the attacks. On the other hand, Hezbollah forces can easily continue to fire Katyusha rockets at Israeli settlements. All they require is a few moments of darkness."

Gazit, a reaearch fellow at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, called for "a much more impressive operation, not against the terrorists themselves, but unfortunately against residents of that region so as to get them to bring pressure to bear on the terrorists.

"Israel created the Hezbollah," asserted Gazit. "When the IDF entered Lebanon in 1982 and stayed there until 1985, its presence caused the Shi'ite population of south Lebanon to rebel. This population now provides the backbone of the Hezbollah movement."

Gazit said that only a further escalation by Israeli forces would bring quiet to the region. "That is what is necessary to bring outside political intervention that will result in an agreement." But Gazit ruled out a protracted war in Lebanon.

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Coat of Many Colours brings Canada to Israelis

By LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV — Meet Zahava Hanen — Canada's only Jewish woman rancher.

Hanen, who runs a 250-cow ranch in Turner Valley, Alberta, is now making an appearance at Tel Aviv's Diaspora Museum. The articulate, middle-aged farmer with long blonde hair is one of dozens of Canadian Jews being introduced to Israelis through videotaped interviews. The televised testimonies are a centrepiece in the museum's latest exhibit: "A Coat of Many Colours: Two Centuries of Jewish life in Canada."

The exhibit — which has already done a coast to coast tour of Canada — is the brainchild of Andrea Bronfman, co-chair of the Canadian Friends of the Diaspora Museum (Beit Hatefutsoth). It was during a visit to the museum nine years ago that Bronfman — wife of Charles Bronfman — was struck by the fact that there was a showcase for nearly every Jewish community in the world — with the exception of Canada's. The resulting exhibit — presented jointly by the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Friends of the Diaspora Museum under the sponsorship of Seagram — should go a long way towards filling that vacuum.

The rich display of artifacts runs the gamut from the sacred to the profane, including everything from tefillin and Bibles to branding irons and tools for shovelling manure.

But it is the videotaped interviews that bring the exhibit to life. Zahava Hanen, taped on her snowy Alberta homestead, describes the Jewish element in her family's passion for the land. "The Hebrew religion is the only religion that has the Promised Land — or 'a' promised land as a tenet," says the third-generation farmer. "My grandfather found in Ramsey, Alberta a landscape wondrously familiar to biblical topography . . . a map containing Alberta and Palestine at one time," she explains.

In the course of the exhibit visitors hear of William Hyman, a Jew who became mayor of Gaspe, Quebec in 1842; Morris Shumiatcher who made the original white cowboy hat that is still the emblem of the Calgary Stampede; and Sammy Luftspring, a boxer who wore a "mogen david," inspiring pride in less self-assured Jews.

Torontonian Judy Feld Carr recalls how her father, Jack Leve, used to boast that he could "paddle a canoe as well as any Indian could." Leve, who fled his village in Russia following a pogrom, arrived in Canada when he was 10 and spent his first few years cleaning skunks in a fur factory. "My father used to say that you can't survive unless you know how to fish, swear and hold your liquor," recounts Feld Carr. Her father eventually became a successful fur trapper and trader, spending much of his time living with the Indians of Northern Ontario. His parka and mocassins — gifts from his Indian friends — are on display.

Another fur trader, Ezekiel Solomon — a regular at Fort Michilimackinac in Michigan — was also one of the founders of Canada's first synagogue, the Shearith Israel Congregation in Montreal (in 1768).

In Victoria, B.C., even non-Jews contributed to the synagogue building fund, notes Martin Levin, who regards this as "testimony to the ecumenical spirit which flourished in this raw pioneer town." Many of the town's settlers — Jews and non-Jews alike — were lured there by the Gold Rush of 1850, adds Levin.

Over a century later, that same ecumenical spirit prevailed in the British Columbia legislative assembly where Dave Barrett stood in line with other newly-elected assembly members waiting to be sworn in. "Without saying a word the clerk gave me the Old Testament section of the Bible," recalls Barrett, former premier of British Columbia. "It was a touching moment."

If much of the exhibit is a celebration of Jewish life in Canada, there is no attempt to gloss over the uglier chapters in that history. An 1892 government advertisement, seeking to attract German farmers living in Russia to come settle in Winnipeg, includes this clause: "It is guaranteed no Jews will be brought out under this scheme." Also on display is a property deed prohibiting Jews from owning land at Lake Simcoe, Ontario (from 1931), as well as various documents restricting Jewish immigration to Canada.

Herman Neumann of Saskatoon recalls the anti-Jewish immigration policy in effect under the government of Mackenzie King. Neumann, who was interned in Canada during the war because he was a German national, hoped he would eventually find a safe haven in the country. One day he asked a Canadian soldier at the internment camp if there was any chance of being able to remain in Canada after the war. "Yes," answered the soldier. "Six feet underground."

Winnipeg-born Monty Hall, host of the popular game show *Let's Make a Deal*, explains how his first career choice, medicine, was closed to him because of university quotas restricting the number of Jews.

Still, it is the brighter moments — the tales of tolerance, the colorful adventures, the humor and the perseverance — that stand out in this collection of images and voices of Canadian Jewry.

"There have been many outstanding exhibits on Jewish communities at this museum," noted Tel Aviv Mayor Sholomo Lahat at last month's opening ceremony. "But here we finally see an exhibit in which Jews are not suffering. Here we see a picture of people who are smiling."

Canadian Ambassador to Israel to Israel Dr. Norman Spector, left, Beth Hatefutsoth director Giora Goren and Andrea Bronfman cut the ribbon at the opening of the Canadian exhibition at the Beth Hatefutsoth in Tel-Aviv. [IPPA photo]

The News in Brief

Jerusalem the healthy

JERUSALEM — The World Health Organization has declared Jerusalem among the healthiest cities in the world.

Jerusalem was given the title of "healthy city" along with 34 other cities worldwide that met high standards for personal and environmental health.

Announcement of tht title comes just days after a Hebrew University study warned air pollution from the coastal plain is adversely effecting the enviornment in the capital.

"The pollution doesn't come from Jerusalem, but we're still going to do everything possible to halt it," said city councilor Batya Waschetz.

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Mexico recognizes Judaism

NEW YORK — Mexico has given official recognition to Judaism in accordance with constitutional changes designed to protect the rights of religious bodies, the World Jewish Congress reports.

The Comite Central Israelita de Mexico informed the WJC that Interior Minister Patrocinio Gonzales Garrido received the leadership of Mexico's Jewish community where the official registration took place.

Last year Mexico adopted a constitutional amendment providing for legal recognition of religious communities as a measure aimed at easing institutional hostility against religious structures.

The Jewish community joins more than 30 other religious bodies which have registered under the new law. Registered groups are entitled to operate openly as legal entities and have transactional rights such as owning and transferring property.

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Violinist Goldberg dead

AMSTERDAM — Szymon Goldberg, 84, a world-class Jewish violinist, has died in Japan, where he had lived in recent years and conducted the new Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra.

Goldberg, born in Poland, studied in Berlin and came to Holland in 1934. He was touring in the Dutch East Indies when Holland was invaded by the Germans and remained there.

When the islands were occupied by the Japanese two years later, Goldberg, along with all Europeans, was interned by the Japanese.

Later, he returned to Holland where in 1955 he established, with Dutch government support, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra. As conductor and concertmaster of the orchestra, Goldberg made many tours in Europe, the United States and Asia.

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Dutch sentence neo-Nazis

AMSTERDAM — Eight Dutch neo-Nazis have been fined about $225 and sentenced to between 50 and 110 hours of community service for taking part in a demonstration in which they wore Nazi garb and shouted Nazi slogans.

The youths, from different parts of the country and ranging in age from 20 to 36, also received three weeks of probation from the District Court in Leeuwarden, the site of their April 29 demonstration against the trial of another neo-Nazi.

The youths wore collars with swastikas, carried iron chains and knives, shouted Nazi slogans and threatened another group protesting racism and fascism.

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U.S. acts against Nazi

NEW YORK — The U.S. Justice Department has filed a notice in federal court here to revoke the U.S. citizenship of a New York state man without the customary legal proceedings, because he had admitted taking part in a massacre of Jews in Poland during World War II.

Takob (Jack) Reimer, an ethnic German native of Ukraine, told Justice Department attorneys that as a sergeant in the Nazi SS, he had shot a man dead during a mass shooting of Jews in Poland.

The shooting took place in either 1941 or 1942 near his extermination unit's headquarters, the death camp training facility at Trawniki.

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Vacationers set record

JERUSALEM — Isarelis are fleeing the summer heat and going abroad for vacations in record numbers this year.

One out of every five Israelis will have travelled overseas this year, satisfying the wanderlust for which Israelis have become famous the world over.

For the first time in the history of the state, more than one million Israelis will have gone abroad.

Travel agents have reported an unprecedented 40 percent rise in the number of Israelis going on vacation this summer.

The most popular destination is the United States, with some 500,000 Israelis visiting there this year.

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Author dies

NEW YORK — Sadie Rose Weilerstein, author of 15 children's books, including the well-known K'tonton series, died of a heart attack on June 23 in Rockville, Md. She was 98.

She wrote her first book, *What Danny Did*, in 1928. In 1935, she published *The Adventure of K'tonton, the Jewish Tom Thumb*, and later wrote three more books about K'tonton as well as a compilation of her most popular stories, *The Best of K'tonton*.

Weilerstein, a native of Rochester, N.Y., began her career by reading stories to her oldest son Herschel and the neighborhood children. She decided to make up her own stories because of the lack of stories about Jewish life.

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Ban on far right urged

BRUSSELS — The European Parliament has called upon the German government to ban far-right extremist groups.

The European Parliament also urged the European Executive Commission and Belgium, shortly to assume the rotating chairmanship of the European Community, to help implement its recommendations concerning the fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism.

The parliament also called for the protection of foreigners in Belgium and praised proposals in Germany aimed at introducing the principle of double citizenship.

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Anti-Semitic books condemned

JAPAN — The popularity of anti-Semitic publications in Japan reflects the "ignorance" and "intellectual backwardness" of many Japanese, a Foreign Ministry official said in an opinion piece published June 2.

"The popularity of anti-Jewish publications clearly shows the intellectual backwardness of the Japanese," Yoshiji Nogami wrote in the *Yomiuri Shimbun* article.

Nogami, deputy director of the ministry's Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, said the circulation of such publications, "even if they are being read simply out of curiosity," disseminates racial prejudice and "denigrates the intellectual standards of the Japanese."

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Priceless coins found

TEL AVIV — A group of American student volunteers from Minnesota have unearthed a rare and priceless archeological treasure of 99 ancient gold coins at a dig in the enclosed port city of Caesarea.

The coins, dating back some 1,500 years to the Byzantine period, are known as "solidi," the cash corrency of the time.

Found under the floor of a home of an affluent family of the time, the coins shed light on the economic and commercial life of ancient Caesarea and the standard of living of the people.

The total weight of the coins amounts to about 16 ounces.

The find, the first of its kind in Caesarea and one extremely rare anywhere in the world, was uncovered as part of a large-scale archaeology dig being undertaken by the Combined Caesarea Expedition, sponsored by the University of Haifa's Recanati Centre for Maritime Studies and the University of Maryland.

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Jewish graves vandalized

NEW YORK — In an anti-Semitic attack unusual for Finland, vandals have overturned and smashed gravestones in a Jewish cemetery in the western town of Turku.

About 125 headstones were toppled and some broken, according to a report from the Finnish news agency.

Finnish authorities said they had no leads to identify those responsible for the attack on the cemetery.

But one source from Turku said there has been a small group of neo-Nazis active in Finland since the 1970s. So although there is "no evidence, there are ideas," who did it.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This Shabbos is called *Shabbos Nachamu*, after the words of the Haftorah, *Nachamu nachamu ami yomar Elokeichem* (Isaiah 40:1).

Usually we translate the word *nachamu* as "be comforted." Rabbi Shimon Schwab, *shlita*, recently told me that we should translate the word as "change your mind" (he referred me to a source in the Torah for this interpretation but space does not allow me to present this). His thought also applies to the word *nichum* when we refer to comforting mourners.

In essence what we are trying to say is that whenever we witness seemingly bad things happening, whether they be personal or national tragedies, ultimately everything that HaShem does is for the good. The time will come when we shall "change our minds" about the reality of all that we thought heretofore to be evil and realize that it was all for the good. In this way we shall truly also find comfort.

To understand this a little better, I record (with modern adaptation, and condensed) the famous parable of the Dubno Maggid.

Two naive city brothers visited the country for the first time. They came across a farmer who was seemingly destroying a beautiful flat field by digging shallow rough ditches in it. Then he took sacks of grain and seemingly threw them onto the ground. "They're crazy out here," said one brother to the other. "First they destroy fields, then they waste food. I'm going back home."

The more patient brother waited around the country until one day he observed straight rows of beautiful green stalks sprouting up from all of the furrows. He quickly phoned his brother and told him he must return to the country to see the amazing results of what formerly seemed to be utter madness.

Just on the day the brother returned while they were admiring the growing plants, along came the farmer with his reaper and chopped them all down. The two brothers stared at the field in horrified shock. What was a beautiful field with orderly rows of lovely plants had turned into a disorderly mess of wanton destruction and waste.

"Is this what you called me back for?" said the skeptic to his brother. "Did you want to subject me to viewing more madness? You are a fool for being so trusting. Come back home with me, before you too turn crazy!"

But the patient brother waited. He watched as the farmer bound the fallen stalks into bundles; watched as he threshed them, separating the kernels from the chaff; watched as the kernels were loaded onto a wagon and taken to the mill. For a moment, after the grinding had turned the kernels into powdery dust, he again thought, "you are destroying." But he recognized that there was a purpose to each activity and decided to wait till the very end.

The farmer put the flour into sacks, took them home and mixed the flour with water. The brother was puzzled with the whitish mud, but he knew that something exciting was about to happen which would unravel the entire mystery. Sure enough, the farmer fashioned the "mud" into a square loaf, put the loaf into the oven, and waited. Finally he opened the oven and a tantalizing aroma wafted through the air. The brother couldn't believe his eyes. There in the farmer's hand was a freshly baked, crisp bread better than any he had seen before back home in his normal and civilized city.

As they savored together the delicious bread, the farmer turned to the trusting brother. "Now," he said, "now you understand!"

We are like naive city boys who descend on this earth, God's country, for a few years and are confronted with what seems to us to be some very strange and incomprehensible sighis and happenings. But the Almighty has a Divine plan for the world. We only see disjointed fragments of that plan. We cannot follow the process from beginning to end. But we must be trusting, having faith that everything — even that which seems tragic, painful, and destructive — is part of an ultimate plan leading towards the end goal of beauty, happiness, fulfilment and eternal reward.

May the Almighty bring our *galus* speedily to its end. May He bring the *geulah shleimah bimeheirah beyameinu*. May He grant us the privilege of seeing the Divine plan so that we shall "change our minds" about the way we looked at Jewish history. In that way we shall be able to happily chant, *nachamu nachamu ami*!

Hungary charts Jewish genealogy

TORONTO — Using records left by the Nazis, Yad Vashem's resident Hungarian expert hopes to chart family trees for all of the 800,000 Jews who lived in the territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire on the eve of World War II.

According to Professor Gabriel Bar Shaked, existing documents can be used to construct genealogical charts going back to the reign of Hapsburg Empress Maria Theresa (1740-80) for most of the Hungarian Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

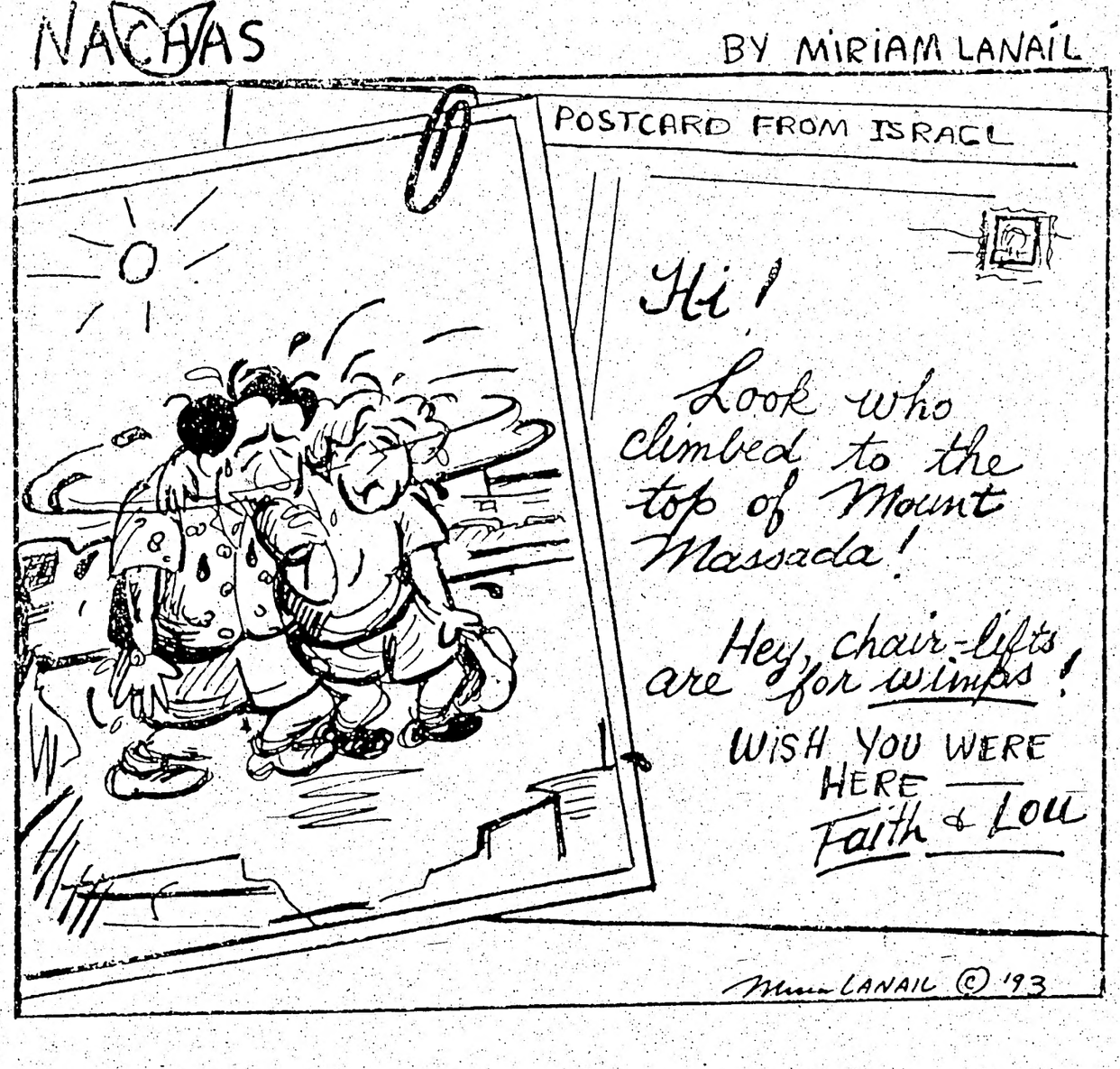
Sallyann Sack, a Washington D.C. clinical psychologist and the editor of *Avotaynu*, the leading journal of Jewish genealogy, described Bar Shaked's so-called "Hungarian Names Project" recently at the 12th International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy held in Toronto.

According to Sack, the Nazis required all Jews living within the region of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire to certify that their families had been citizens since 1848. "Obviously, they had to show a number of generations to do this," said Sack, who has found records pertaining to her grandmother and many previously unknown members of her family. "You get a hold of these documents and you've got a lot of your family tree."

Yad Vashem may also soon acquire nationality papers for some 100,000 Hungarian Jews who were, on the eve of WWII, declared to be of Polish origin and deported; many were subsequently massacred. Other records provide details of the many Hungarian Jews who were conscripted into forced labor battalions or deported to concentration camps, few of whom survived.

She said that Bar Shaked, who was born in Budapest, is determined to acquire much of this material from various Hungarian government sources by the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian-Jewish deportations in May 1994. That date happens to correspond with the next international seminar on Jewish genealogy, set for April 29 to May 5, 1994 in Jerusalem.

Although the Klarsfeld Foundation is assisting with the so-called Hungarian Names project, some $45,000 is still required. For further information, contact Henry Wellisch at (416) 638-3280.



Front Line

Israel, U.S. face number of factors in peace talks

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

During a recent visit to the United States, I tried to look at the Middle East from the American perspective, to figure out what can be expected of the present U.S. involvement in the peace process. The process itself needs to be rescued from the neither-here-nor-there standstill in which it is now locked after 10 rounds of fruitless Israeli-Arab formal talks.

Now at home in Jerusalem, I have tried to conflate my American impressions with the Israeli picture, bearing in mind a number of circumstantial factors which are likely to affect the mood of all the parties that are to various degrees engaged in the peacemaking effort.

• The American agenda is overflowing with complicated economic, political and foreign policy issues, each of which are severely probing the internal and external authority of the new administration. To exercise the role of the one remaining superpower under these conditions, in a world afflicted by bloody conflicts, by political instability and by financial crisis, is extremely difficult, nearly impossible. And the Middle East is but one of Washington's headaches and not the most dramatic at present.

• The recently unravelled Islamic fundamentalist network has for the first time brought Arab terrorism, seen until now as a foreign aberration, to the concrete consciousness of Americans. Together with the recent flare-up with Iraq, it has seriously affected the image of the Arab world in the eyes of the American public.

Regardless of the different political interests of individual Arab regimes, the collective Arab reaction to this new development is an emotional reticence to be identified with U.S. foreign policy aims. Equally difficult to digest for Arab leaders is the impression, not entirely unfounded, that the Clinton administration is for now the most Israel-friendly in the history of American-Israeli relations. And the mere circumstance that most U.S. officials who deal directly with the conflict, particularly the team of American troubleshooters who recently toured Mideast capitals, happen to be Jewish, is only contributing to Arab distrust.

Yeshayahu Anug

• Add to this picture the recent turmoil within the U.S. Jewish establishment caused by the opposition of its rightest sector to the Rabin government's alleged readiness to trade territory for peace. It should be also mentioned that these conservative Jewish opponents of Rabin are also opposing President Clinton's domestic policies. They are, like their Likud friends in Israel, as uncomfortable with Clinton in the White House as they are with Rabin in the prime minister's office.

President Clinton had a bumpy start. He is slowly recovering from his low popularity in the media and is fighting a merciless Republican opposition in the legislature. His difficulties are not all that different from Prime Minister Rabin's here. Both leaders have immense problems; they need success and fear political failure. The peace process is a crucial testing ground for both, critical for Rabin's leadership in Jerusalem and risky for Clinton's image in Washington.

The peace process which Foreign Secretary Warren Christopher will attempt to revitalize during his forthcoming visit is indeed in great trouble. Its 10 rounds of talks in Washington seem to have exhausted their limited function and the process is not recovering from many setbacks and interruptions. The various delegations had neither the mandate nor the standing to initiate progress and neither benefitted from a steady flow of innovative ideas from their centres. Their briefs were to oppose and not to propose. Worst of all was the performance of the Palestinian delegation, which is more responsible than others for the present deadlock. It also reflected the nearly unbridgeable gap between the aims of PLO-Tunis and the interests of the Palestinian leadership in the territories.

Athough Christopher's visit is generally welcomed here, it is unclear why he is coming now, since it seems that the team of officials which has just completed its shuttle mission in the area has not succeeded in narrowing the positions of the parties on any important issue.

The speculations as to Christopher's motives vary. The more optimistic version estimates that since the foreign secretary cannot afford to fail, he may have sufficient reasons to expect some progress on either the Syrian-Israeli front or on the Israeli-Palestinian issue to politically risk his trip. The pessimistic view is that he intends to give the parties a last opportunity to seriously engage in substantial give-and-take negotiations before reaching the conclusion — perhaps by the end of the year — that the U.S. would serve its interests better by at least temporarily disengaging from the process.

The latter was subtly hinted at by Christopher, although it was promptly interpreted as a mere tactical warning to the parties. But such a policy change would make some sense only on the assumption that the regional situation is unlikely to get out of control. The recent events in South Lebanon, and the Syrian threats that Israeli intervention in Lebanon in view of the escalating Hezbollah activity would be regarded as an attack against Syria, could shake this assumption.

Various contradictory rumors about possible Israeli initiatives to be discussed with Christopher are floating in the highly suspicious Israeli political community. Tacit arrangement with the PLO over Gaza? Chances of an emerging understanding with Syria over the Golan and South Lebanon and related security provisions? Prospects of a tripartite confederation between Israel, Jordan and the autonomous Palestinian entity — or the less sensational idea of a federation between Jordan and the Palestinians? These are just speculations and will hang in the air until the critical issues related to Palestinian representation in the negotiations, to the future of Israeli settlements in the territories and to the status of East Jerusalem and its Arab population during the autonomy period will be imaginatively addressed by all the parties with the purpose of reaching workable compromises.

A less far reaching view as to Christopher's aims simply holds that his expectations are limited, but that he intends to "service" the process by his visit so as to keep it alive until the next round of talks. The estimate is that because of vacations in Washington and the High Holidays in Israel, the talks are unlikely to be resumed before the end of September. A long pause for the Middle East.

Unique challenges make Israel a different democracy

By DROR ZEIGERMAN

Any country that permits marriage only between those of the same faith, grants instant citizenship to members of a certain religion and does not have a constitution, would not, under normal conditions, be considered a democracy.

But Israel is not like any other country in the world. Despite the facts mentioned above, it shares a strong bond with Western democracies, including the commitment to freedom of speech, freedom of the press and free elections.

In order to understand Israel, one must first understand what makes Israel so different. The task of maintaining the Jewish religion, and thus ensuring our existence as a people, while maintaining a democratic society has been a central struggle ever since the creation of the State.

The alternative to a democratic state would be a religious state like Iran. To the Jews of Israel this is unacceptable. The goal of maintaining a democracy is made all the more difficult when one realizes that half of Israel's population has come from non-democratic countries such as Russia and those of the Arab world.

Added to this is the problem of preserving that democracy under the constant threat of war. No other Western democracy is faced with these challenges.

While some younger Israelis question the religious ties of their country, the importance of continuing in this way is best shown by our experience with the black Jews of Ethiopia.

Dror Zeigerman

The preservation of the Jewish religion in Ethiopia for 4,000 years and the yearning of the Jews there to return to Eretz Yisrael, to Jerusalem, demonstrates the importance of tradition and its connection to the very existence of a Jewish state.

To mean anything to Jews, particularly those who live abroad, Israel must continue to remain Jewish.

To maintain a Jewish State in today's modern world takes compromise and patience. This is possible only if both religious and secular Jews accept the rule of democracy and the principles of tolerance.

For example, the ultra-religious in Israel believe that our constitution should be based on the Halacha, the religious code of law. Therefore, we have adopted a code of common law which is most progressive by any standard. At the same time we have preserved the basic principles of Jewish law — observing the traditional day of rest on Saturdays, recognizing all Jewish holidays as national holidays and requiring all marriages in Israel to be performed by rabbis ordained according to Jewish law.

The Law of Return, too, was enacted to allow Jews to immigrate to Israel and receive automatic citizenship. This law is central to the existence of the Jewish State and without it Israel would not continue to be.

The foundation of Judaism is based on morality, and a peaceful solution with the Arab states and the Palestinians must be found. Peace is not only critical for our survival, but for our moral conscience.

Israel is prepared to take risks to achieve this peace, and even make territorial concessions, so long as we do not have to rely on another party's goodwill to live securely within our borders. We have already proved ourselves when we negotiated a peace agreement with Egypt and returned the Sinai.

For thousands of years the Jewish People suffered atrocities, until both religious and secular Jews united and compromised to create our homeland. The history of this tiny country has not been without conflict, yet it is the experience of world Jewry and the lesson of the Holocaust that have taught us that an independent Jewish State is the only guarantee of the Jewish people's survival.

Israel has turned 45 this year, and hopes that the world community is closer to a true understanding of her. Only understanding, patience and tolerance will help us in our quest for lasting peace.

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Anti-Semitic surprises found throughout literary world

By ARNOLD AGES

During a recent viewing of a spectacular and highly original version of George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan* at Niagara-on-the Lake, I was somewhat surprised to hear an unflattering description of Jews from the lips of an English clergyman represented in the play.

This was somewhat disquieting for me because I found it odd that such a remark would work itself into a play about the Maid of Orléans (which helped Shaw win the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925) and because I had somehow considered Shaw to be one of those rare writers who had been singularly free of the non-filterable virus called anti-Semitism.

My anxiety level was, however, immediately reduced when in a follow-up dialogue the clergyman's interlocutor pointed out that while Jews at least gave good quality in the deals they struck, Chistians were a great deal less ethical in their dealings. Touché. It should also be noted that in the same scene one of the characters delivers a comment about the Prophet Mohammed that would have made even Salman Rushdie blush.

I should not, however, have been surprised that Shaw might have ventilated some anti-Jewish prejudice through some of the characters in his plays; after all, some of the greatest custodians of the literary heritage of the West have been purveyors of rank anti-Semitic caricatures in their novels, poetry and plays.

One thinks immediately, in this context, of Shakespeare and his brilliantly malignant portrait of Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*; T.S. Eliot and his word picture of an ungracious Jewish figure in *The Wasteland*; and, of course, Ezra Pound and the crude anti-Semitism in his many cantos.

There are also some surprises in this gallery of literary anti-Semites. The young Emile Zola, the heroic author of *J'Accuse* — the article which helped pave the way for Alfred Dreyfus's exoneration — filled some of his early novels with nasty and stereotypical descriptions of Jewish businessmen. Fortunately, Zola was able to liberate himself from these youthful prejudices later in life.

Arnold Ages

It seems, however, that each new literary season brings revelations about the anti-Semitism in the closets of the great and near-great. Thanks to Toronto biographer Michael Coren, the anti-Semitic viruses of two prominent English writers, H.G. Wells and G.K. Chesterton, have been amply documented.

While the fact, if not the extent, of anti-Jewish animus of these well-known authors may have been known to students of English literature, most people have been genuinely surprised to discover that one of England's most celebrated poets, Philip Larkin, has been shown posthumously to have been seriously infected by the anti-Semitism bacillus.

In the soon to be publised letters, Larkin, known during his lifetime as a conservative poet who dealt with the themes of loneliness, death and aging, reveals himself to be anti-black, anti-Jewish and anti-women to a degree that shakes one's faith in the decency of humankind. To repeat Larkin's racist and ethnic slanders would be to participate in his obscenity.

The man who is editing a selection of Larkin's personal correspondence, Andrew Morton, has indicated that "the beautiful flower of art forms on a long stem out of often murky material." What an interesting way to dissolve the pathology of anti-Semitism from which Larkin and so many others of his ilk suffered.

It is against this gloomy backdrop of famous writers afflicted with anti-Semitism that the persona of George Bernard Shaw emerges with so much lustre. I think it no accident, therefore, that the famous sculptor Jacob Epstein chose to make a memorable bust of this remarkable playwright and essayist and that one of the first plays reformed by Israel's Hacameri Theatre after the state was created was Shaw's *Saint Joan*.

What was it about Shaw that distinguished him from his peers in English literature vis a vis the "Jewish Question," as it used to be referred to delicately by cognoscenti in the first decades of this century? Why, in correspondence dating from the 1930s, was he able to do what the American writer H.G. Mencken found so difficult — to denounce the monstrous Nazi persecution of Jews?

The answer lies partly in Shaw's birth in Dublin in 1856, his education in both Protestant and Catholic schools and his lifetime commitment to causes that were not all universally endorsed. He was a vegetarian, socialist and pacifist. He earned his livelihood as a journalist, pamphleteer, and critic of music, art and theatre.

As a student of religion, history, politics and art, Shaw understood the allure of simplistic solutions to complex problems and abhorred the politics of hate engendered by Europe's political leaders. In some of the plays he wrote during the '30s, Shaw warned of the fascist menace and in his preface to *The Millionairess* he used Voltaire-like irony to denounce Hitler's persecution of Einstein and the Jews.

"A persecution," he wrote, "is always a man hunt; and man hunting is not only a very horrible sport but socially a dangerous one, as it revives a primitive instinct incompatible with civilization: indeed civilization rests fundamentally on the compact that it shall be dropped."

That is the theme, in many ways, of Shaw's *Saint Joan*: the man hunt which doomed Joan of Arc was a rehearsal for the Inquisition, the pogroms and the Holocaust.

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Burdensome blockade

It was an absurd and totally unnecessary problem, and now it has been amicably solved thanks to new United Nations procedures governing the naval blockade of Iraq.

Nearly three years ago, in response to its invasion of Kuwait, the UN imposed tough economic sanctions on Iraq. The trade embargo, in part, was supposed to prevent Iraqi-bound goods, particularly arms and munitions, from reaching Baghdad via the Red Sea Jordanian port of Aqaba. Before Iraq's unwarranted intrusion in Kuwaiti affairs, Aqaba lived off the fat of Iraqi imports.

The blockade of Aqaba, which is largely policed by the United States, Britain and France, was widened last December. Under the revised regulations, cargo ships passing through the Red Sea to the Strait of Tiran were forbidden to stack containers more than three deep on deck. Introduced to ensure the safety of allied officers inspecting the containers' contents, this directive rebounded against Israel and its port adjacent to Aqaba, Eilat.

The policy worked to Israel's disadvantage because Israeli ships, for sound commercial reasons, routinely stack containers five deep. As a rule, Allied inspectors did not even board an overstacked vessel. They just turned it back. In the past month alone, six container ships heading to Eilat were thus forced to make the longer, more costly journey to Haifa and Ashdod via the Suez Canal. As a result, Eilat was more or less idled, causing the layoff of dock workers.

It was blatantly ironic and unfair that Israel was made to pay such a burdensome price to enforce a UN resolution that is supposed to punish its bitter enemy, Iraq.

Last week, to Israel's relief, the dispute was resolved, and the blockade — the first since the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when the Egyptian navy tampered with shipping in the Red Sea — was finally lifted. Under a new plan presented by the Clinton administration to Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Israel would give UN forces, led by the United States, five days' notice for cargo ships weighing over 8,000 tons, and the vessels would then be given free passage to Eilat.

It was patently ridiculous and illogical even to think that Israeli ships could possibly be ferrying cargo to an outlaw nation which bombarded Israeli cities with Scud missiles during the Gulf War. This bureaucratic anomaly never had a place in the enforcement of sanctions against Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Psychological damage

In the course of the arguments presented by the Crown on behalf of a closed trial for Karla Homolka, the woman recently convicted of manslaughter in a sensational case in Southern Ontario, the lawyer held that an open vetting of the evidence might cause grave psychological damage to Canadians. This argument, together with others, apparently induced the presiding judge to impose severe restrictions on who could attend the trial in the St. Catharines courthouse and what could be reported.

Three principles lay behind the judge's decision: respect for the private agony of parents of the victims; concern for the effect on the community; and the absolute need to ensure a fair trial for Homolka's co-accused. The first and third of these principles are logical, sensible — even commendable.

However, the second argument purporting to protect the community from psychological damage is spurious, demeaning and paternalistic in the extreme. It is also inconsistent with the actual practice of the courts in Canada.

On three different occasions since 1985 — twice in Toronto and once in Red Deer, Alta. — Holocaust deniers and their witnesses slandered the memory of the six million Jews killed by the Nazis.

To repeat the lies and calumnies which they introduced into the court record to defend themselves would be to participate in the obscenity which they tried to foist on the Canadian public.

The psychological damage which they inflicted on Canadian Jews, many of whom are survivors who lost dear ones in the death camps (the existence of which the defendants denied), was palpable.

The total effect of the ridicule of Auschwitz survivors, the mockery of the magnitude of Jewish deaths in the camps, the trivialization of the death camp experience was incalculably damaging to the psyche of Canadian Jews who had to tolerate the defamation of the murder of the six million in Canadian courts.

Nevertheless, the principle annunciated by the Crown in opening arguments in the Homolka trial was not invoked in the trials of Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra, even though closed trials for these two defendants would have prevented the psychological damage perpetrated by them against Canadian Jews.

It is noteworthy that the organized Jewish community never considered requesting a closed trial. We accepted the principle of a fair and open judicial process as essential in any democracy.

In these cases, we knew that, however painful the lies might be, truth would drive out falsehood.

ENJOYING LIFE IN ISRAEL

Canadian ambassador to Israel Dr. Norman Spector and Gordon Smith, Canadian ambassador to the EEC, braved a heat wave to join Eretz magazine's special tour of Caesarea on June 11. Tour leader Yadin Roman, editor of Eretz, showed them the impressive finds uncovered in the latest excavations of the ancient port city on Israel's Mediterranean coast. Eretz is an English-language publication devoted to Israel's natural, geographical, historical and cultural heritage. From left, Spector, Smith and Roman. [Israel Sun photo]

Letters to the Editor

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BERGEN-BELSEN MIRACLE

Next year it will be 50 years ago that a small group of 222 Jews from Holland imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen were, as if through a miracle, exchanged against German Templars who were living in then Palestine.

In fact, on July 10, 1944, in the middle of the war, these 222 'chosen people' reached Palestine, most of them more dead than alive.

We intend to celebrate next July 10 this memorable event.

Anybody who participated in that miraculous exchange transport is therefore welcome to comunicate with the hereunder mentioned committee.

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REPORT ON BURG ONE-SIDED

Michael Regenstreif's report (*CJN* June 17) of Israel labor member Avraham Burg's address at the Shaare Zion Synagogue was an adequate portrayal of the speaker's presentation. The risks to Israel in peace negotiations were substantial but the price of failure was even higher. However sceptics in the audience disagreed with the speaker's views and the reporter's silence on these exchanges makes his presentation somewhat one-sided.

Briefly, the gist of the sceptic's views was two-fold. The desire for peace in Israel was not exclusive to Burg and his followers; all of Israel would appreciate the right kind of peace. The Arabs couldn't care less what Israel wants from peace — the more Israeli speakers speak of the importance of peace the greater the Arabs' appetite for ever larger Israel concessions without promising anything in return.

Finally members of the audience thought that it would be a refreshing change if an Arab appeared and pleaded the case on the Arabs' need for peace. Burg knew of no such Arab and continued his push for peace with the Arabs.

Regenstreif should have included some of the above in his report.

Bercus Segal
Montreal

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NO CANADIAN FLAG

I feel that I am a pretty good Canadian Jew. I was even a founder of a Jewish congregation when I arrived in Canada.

However, I was infuriated on July 1 1993, Canada Day, not to find one Canadian flag on three Jewish buildings on Bathurst Street: the Jewish Community Centre, Leah Posluns Theatre and Lipa Green Centre.

I watched Canada Day celebration on TV by many ethnic groups, but none were Jewish. I hope people realize that the Nazis are growing and I don't want to run a second time. Maybe people who have homes in Israel don't care what happens to Canada, but I do care. In my opinion there needs to be a written explanation as to why nobody showed any support for Canada.

Curt Fleischer
Toronto

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THE PEPSI CASE

In your June 17 edition you report that the fervently Orthodox Eda Haredit kashrut authority recently decided to withdraw its kosher seal of approval because of the soft-drink company's "immodest" advertising campaigns and its sponsorship of Saturday night rock concerts. The rationale by the rabbis was that youth violated the Sabbath by travelling to the concert areas before sundown.

I hold no brief for Pepsi nor is the business impact on Pepsi of concern to me. I am troubled, however, that Eda Haredit is attempting to use economic leverage to control the conduct and behavior of Jewish youth in a way that is acceptable only to its own organization.

The implications of the action by Eda Haredit are discriminatory and suggests that only Jews who do not travel on the Sabbath before sundown are acceptable as members of the Jewish community. I wonder if the same screening process is involved when Eda Haredit accepts donations from Jews whose religious affiliation is more Conservative or Reform than strictly Orthodox. Eda Haredit may insist that its followers practice their Jewishness in a manner acceptable to it, but it does not have the right to impose its tenets on all other Jews.

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June 6, 1994, will commemorate an event which occurred fifty years ago on the shores of Normandy, France.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Department of Illinois, holds its annual convention at this time each year, and in June of 1994 will take official note of the D-day 50-year commemoration.

As liaison officer of the Department of Illinois, JWV, to representatives of Jewish veterans who served in all Allied forces in that invasion, I would like to extend an invitation to all of those interested.

Although this event is practically a year in the future, we would like to gather as many names and addresses of those veterans who live in the Chicago and metropolitan area and those Canadian Jews who may plan to be in Chicago and its suburbs during the first two weeks of June, 1994, including some info on where and in what capacity they operated in Normandy and later on through northern France.

Our annual convention has a Friday get-together and services. The following evening concludes with a Commander's banquet.

If you were with the Canadian, British, French and Polish units we would like to hear from you.

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Opinion

Jesuit journal articles a hopeful sign

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Compass is a Jesuit journal published six times a year by the Jesuits of Upper Canada, under the editorship of Robert Chodos in Toronto. Now in its second decade, it contains a refreshing variety of articles touching not only on Catholic issues (which of course it does) but on matters that concern every reader, of whatever background or persuasion. Occasionally it even has a touch of irreverence — albeit clothed in velvet garb — which may come as a great surprise to people who have a very stereotypical view of the Catholic Church. It is not a monolithic organization, any more than Judaism is one single unit that can be described and characterized in one quick sentence.

This month's issue of *Compass* brings not only an interesting interview with Canadian Nobel Prize winner John Polyani, but also two articles on The Vatican and Israel. One is written by Brian Hogan who teaches church history in Toronto, and the other by Gil Kezwer, a Canadian correspondent for *Jerusalem Report*. Hogan's article is tellingly captioned "Rome's caution may lead to resolution" and brings the reader a fair view of how the Vatican has inched towards recognition of Israel, and why it has shied from taking the last and final step. As a Church historian the writer apparently believes that time is on the side of resolution and that — if we all live long enough — we will see complete recognition happen.

Rabbi Plaut

In contrast, Kezwer brings to his subject less caution and more urgency in his article Full Diplomatic Recognition Is Long Overdue. A Jew writing for a Catholic journal, he has no hesitation presenting paragraphs like these:

"Many Jews have felt, and many still do, that theological considerations — the belief that Christianity has superseded Judaism as the True Israel — have led the Vatican to resist establishing diplomatic ties with Israel, and that the church's response to Zionism's success has always lagged a generation behind changing political reality. Furthermore, many Jews interpret the nonrecognition of our reborn state in our biblical homeland as the last vestige of a long tradition of Christian persecution of the Jews."

Kezwer then proceeds to describe the history of the Church's relation to Judaism and Zionism. He finds it depressing and in urgent need of complete healing, though he recognizes the progress that has been made since the Second Vatican Council.

"Today there are strong indications that Catholicism has achieved the theological maturity — and humility — to recognize Judaism as a fellow monotheistic faith deserving religious equality. Implicit in that status is the full recognition of the state of Israel . . .

"The Pope should advance the cause of Middle East peace by symbolically demonstrating to the Arab world that the Jewish state must be reckoned with at the peace table. Actions speak louder than words. The opportunity for action here is pregnant with the potential for thunderous words of praise or condemnation. After 45 years, it's time to reverse the Vatican's mistaken policy toward Israel. Full diplomatic recognition is long overdue."

The Jesuit voice is important in the Church, and the appearance of these kinds of articles is a hopeful sign.

News from Israel: Ecology

A report from Israel says that 50 to 60 percent of urban industrial waste from cities in the Emek is now being recycled.

An Israeli inventor has developed a way to condense disposable diapers to the size of a cork so they will take up less room in landfills. The Supersol Supermarket chain is experimenting with the use of plastic and carton compactors. If the try-out goes well, the markets will install soda can crushers.

All this is proof that 1993 as the Year of the Environment, proclaimed by the Israeli government, is being taken seriously. The model "green" city of Tivon has saved one million shekels in waste disposal by recycling household, agricutural and industrial wastes.

And to top it off, Tel Aviv University has authorized a new master's degree in Ecological and Environmental Studies.

Mideast peace process tottering after 21 months

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

With the Madrid peace process tottering after 10 rounds, the United States, one of the co-sponsors, has stepped into the breach in an attempt to resucitate it.

Warren Christopher, the American secretary of state, plans to visit Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt from Aug. 1-5 to discuss proposals for breaking the impasse in the 21-month-old negotiations. Christopher's trip, his second to the region in less than a year, is nothing less than a rescue mission.

Christopher's assistant, Dennis Ross — the State Department co-ordinator of the talks — returned to Washington in mid-July empty-handed after having failed to close the yawning gap between Israel and the Palestinian delegation and produce a joint declaration of principles with respect to an autonomy plan for the Palestinians.

He was dispatched to Jerusalem after Israel and the Palestinians rejected a U.S. draft proposal designed to bridge their deep differences.

But trouble is not only brewing on the Israel-Palestinian front.

Israel and Jordan, which share the longest common border in the area, have forged ahead with a declaration of principles and are apparently close to an agreement. Exuding optimism, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said recently that a deal is just a signature away.

But unless there is substantial progress in Israel's negotiations with the Palestinians, King Hussein is unlikely to go out on a limb and settle with Israel.

Israel and Syria, which have fought three wars and many more skirmishes, are mired in polemics because neither side is willing to spell out its respective terms.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is loath to define with exactitude Israel's territorial position regarding the disputed Golan Heights, while President Hafez Assad refuses to be specific on the nature of peace.

Rabin has accepted the necessity of "territorial compromise" on the Golan, which Israel annexed in December 1981. But he has gone no further, at least in public.

By contrast, Assad has offered Israel an all-or-nothing proposition — "total peace" in return for a "total withdrawal." While this is a concession on Syria's part, it does not meet Israel's needs. Is Assad holding out the possibility of a genuine peace treaty, with an exchange of ambassadors and a normalization of relations? Or he is merely offering a non-belligerency pact?

The already murky situation is complicated by Syria's tacit support of Lebanese and Palestinian guerrilla groups, notably Hezbollah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: General Command. In recent months, they have launched attacks in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, killing several Israeli soldiers. As a result, Israel has accused Syria of undermining the peace process.

Israel's bilateral discussions with Lebanon have gotten nowhere either because Lebanon — Syria's protectorate — is afraid to move without its consent. It goes without saying that the Israel-Lebanon talks have no chance of succeeding unless Syria and Israel achieve some kind of breakthrough.

In the meantime, the focus is on the Palestinians, who take their instructions from PLO headquarters in Tunis. Israel is thus dealing indirectly with the PLO.

Israel has offered the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip functional autonomy — the right to run their own affairs — within the context of a three-year transitional arrangement. During this period, Israel would retain control of matters pertaining to security, foreign affairs and water. Under the rules governing the 1991 Madrid process, which is based on the 1978 Camp David Accords, the final status of the territories would be determined following this interim phase.

More specifically, Israel has offered the Palestinians the administration or partial administration of 92 percent of the territories. Under Israel's proposal, 62 percent of the West Bank and Gaza would be administered solely by the Palestinians, 30 percent would be jointly administered, and 8 percent would be administered by Israel alone. According to this scheme, the settlements would be under Israel's jurisdiction.

The Palestinians have turned down these proposals, partly because they want to apply the provisions of United Nations resolution 242 (the land-for- peace formula) to the territories, and partly because they reject the very idea of an interim phase, even though they originally accepted it. Their goal is clear — the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza, an outcome which would be contrary to current Israeli policy.

A further Palestinian demand, the relinquishment of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem so that it can become the capital of a future Palestinian state, is yet another source of tension.

The chief Palestinian negotiator, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, has warned that an Israeli refusal to accede to this demand "will kill the peace process." In turn, Israeli officials have declared that the peace talks will fail if Jerusalem's status is placed on the bargaining table.

In an effort to bridge their glaring differences, the United States issued a compromise draft paper. Israel was displeased because the document raised the possibility that "the question of Jerusalem" could eventually be discussed. The Palestinians were unhappy with the formulation that "issues related to permanent status are outside the scope of the interim status negotiations."

Clearly, Christopher will have his work cut out for him when he arrives in the Middle East this week. According to reports, he is expected to concentrate on an old-new proposal raised of late by Shimon Peres and some Palestinian leaders.

Both sides have renewed talk of creating a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation as an alternative to a transitional Palestinian self-governing authority in the territories.

Israel's ruling Labor party, as well as King Hussein, raised that solution in the past. But now, with peace talks lagging, this concept may yet get a new lease on life.

JEWS IN A CHANGING WORLD

*Inter*marriage: Aftermath

By JOSEPH M. KIRMAN

Rabbi Mark Dratch's article "Intermarriage contrary to survival of Judaism" (June 24), is an excellent discussion of why the desire of a minority cultural group, any minority group, to perpetuate itself by marrying within the fold is not racism.

Rabbi Dratch is right to state that "It is simply impossible to live a serious Jewish life when married to a non-Jewish spouse." He then goes on to note "How can you observe Shabbat? How can you observe kashrut? . . ." etc.

But in his discussion Rabbi Dratch misses an important point, that of the circumstances of those Jews who are secular, agnostic, atheistic, or anti-religious.

Thus I disagree with Rabbi Dratch's comment, "For many Jews for whom Judaism is a mere accident of birth, and for many Jews for whom Judaism plays no meaningful part of their daily lives or their behavior on Sabbath, one could argue that a strong stand against intermarriage is racist."

Such Jews constitute a large number when compared to those who are observant or traditional. For these Jews a "serious Jewish life" doesn't matter, so why should they not marry out? These are the Jews who are at risk, and this is the question that must be addressed.

I hypothesize that a key to answering this question lies in communicating to such Jews that they count as members of our community and make a difference to the survival of our people. Like Gertrude Stein's poem about roses, a Jew is a Jew is a Jew.

These distant and non-observant Jews are part of our people's life blood and while they do not participate, their importance is in their great potential and the potential of their children for participation. As Jews they are part of our people's future, and this is what we must look to. Their survival as Jews is as important as an observant Jew's. To urge them not to marry out is also not racist.

Why do Jews marry out? There obviously can be as many reasons as there are circumstances. Causes may be due to the conditions of the milieu, philosophical rationalizations, physical attraction and emotional involvement, rebelliousness and ignorance.

How we deal with these elements needs an in-depth examination and is beyond the scope of this response. But those items must be raised in order to consider what can be done to keep the non-committed from marrying out. Certainly among the considerations are those of fostering a positive identity as a Jew through education and a socially positive Jewish milieu.

It's axiomatic that we generally marry among those with whom we interact socially and our non-committed Jews are no exception to this rule. Influencing that choice is a major responsibility for those who care about Jewish survival.

A problem is that by the time a youngster reaches marriageble age it may be too late. The example of role models for children must be seriously considered and positive ones emphasized. But this assumes that the parents care about marrying within the fold.

The recent events in Winnipeg show that this is not necessarily the case. If the parents don't care, if the children are assimilationist, if the children have not developed a positive Jewish identity, then intermarriage can be expected. Interdating is one step in this direction.

Rabbi Dratch was called a racist for his stand on the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate interdating issue. Those who condemn others for speaking out on situations that can lead to Jewish intermarriage are misguided at best, intolerant at worst, and certainly insensitive to the implications of their actions for Jewish survival.

The idea that marrying only within the Jewish fold is racist is not true, is based on ignorance and runs counter to Canada's support of multiculturalism. To distort an imperative of Jewish survival into a claim that non-Jews are inferior is a canard and is, paradoxically, racist.

It is a fundamental element of Judaism that all people are created equal and worthy of God's love, and that the righteous of all nations will be justly rewarded.

From a traditional viewpoint our mission as Jews is to be, by our very existence, living witnesses to the Living God, and this includes the non-observant and the alienated as well as the observant. Marrying out and assimilating is a theological negation of Jewish existence that leads to our disappearance as a people.

From a secular viewpoint the uniqueness of our culture with its wealth of literature, music, philosophy, ethics, art — our remarkable history and the accomplishments of our people — are certainly worth maintaining and passing on to the next generation. But that continuity is threatened when we lose our people through intermarriage and assimilation.

The threat to Jewish survival by intermarriage is a real one and the Jews of North America are at risk. I say God bless the graduating students of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate. Their original decision to ban interdating at their prom was in keeping with Jewish tradition and survival. Such young men and women are the hope for our people's future, and in their wisdom they have set an example for some of their elders.

—(Dr. Joseph M. Kirman is professor of social studies in the Department of Elementary Education at the University of Alberta.)

Features

Soviet immigrants make an impact

Reporting from Jerusalem, Sheldon Kirshner looks at Soviet immigrants in Israel today.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

They've made a real difference.

Soviet olim have had a significant impact on Israeli society.

Since 1971, upwards of 800,000 Soviet immigrants, virtually all Ashkenazi Jews, have immigrated to Israel. And if current projections prove correct, one million will have arrived here by the year 2000.

Throughout Israel, the newcomers are making their presence felt. Russian is heard on the streets with increasing frequency, and newsstands burst with Russian-language newspapers and periodicals. Political parties vie for their support, and demographers note their effect on the Ashkenazi-Sephardi, and the Arab-Jewish, balance.

They continue to arrive at the rate of several thousand each month. In the first five months of 1993, 25,430 immigrated, compared to 23,440 in the same period last year. But aliyah is still considerably lower than it was in the peak years of 1990 and 1991, when monthly arrivals averaged about 14,000.

For the first two decades of Israel's existence, the Soviet government all but forbade Jewish emigration. After 1970, the trickle turned into a stream. But as tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States escalated in the early 1980s, the numbers plummeted. During these bleak years, fewer than 1,000 Jews arrived annually in Israel. With glasnost and perestroika, the quota was liberalized. In 1989, 12,932 Jews came to Israel on aliyah. In 1990, 1991 and 1992, the figures were 185,227, 147,839 and 64,057, according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

Yehuda Weinraub, a Jewish Agency official who closely monitors their status, said there are an estimated 1.7 million Jews currently residing in the ex-Soviet Union, as well as an additional 800,000 individuals who are eligible to immigrate to Israel under the Law of Return.

Of those, 1.2 million have received invitations to join their families in Israel, while 20,000 Jews already possess Israeli immigration visas.

Drawing a pen portrait of typical olim, Weinraub explained that Soviet Jewish immigrants are characterized by small families with both parents under the age of 44, and by a relatively large number of senior citizens and single-parent families. "There is a high percentage of professionals among them. Of these a large proportion are university graduates in the sciences and technology."

In 1990, he noted, 25 percent of the olim were engineers, 6 percent were physicians and dentists, 24 percent were professional and technical workers, 10 percent were teachers, 5 percent were authors, artists, composers and journalists, 4 percent were nurses and paramedical professionals, and 15 percent were skilled and unskilled workers in industry, construction and mining.

To facilitate their absorption, the Israeli government assists them. An average family of four receives about $11,000 (U.S.) to cover their expenses during the first year, according to Weinraub. Immigrants also get free health insurance for the first six months, and have access to professional retraining courses.

They receive rent assistance, and are eligible for low-interest mortgages and a variety of business loans and incentives.

But in spite of the government's largesse, the immigrants are plagued by deep-seated problems, the most urgent of which is unemployment, followed by a lack of housing.

Olim have taken their frustration to the street. In May, 15,000 gathered in Jerusalem to demand immediate government action. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been accused of focusing on the peace process to the exclusion of immigrant absorption. Natan Sharansky, a former Refusenik, has said that the government "must not only improve the absorptiton of these olim, but also ensure that one million more will come. This cannot happen when they get letters daily from their relatives here about the absorption situation."

Jobs are the key to successful integration. In a paper written for the U.S.-based Susan and David Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies, Stewart Reiser, an authority on Soviet Jewry, put the issue into perspective. "The critical problem, from which all others radiate, is that of unemployment."

Israel's unemployment rate exceeds 11 percent, but among Soviet olim, the percentage is at least twice as much. Under-employment is quite common, and approximately half the immigrants have had to change their professions.

In desperation, some women have become prostitutes and massage parlor attendants, and more than a few musicians eke out a livelihood on street corners. Last February, the Israeli media reported that a 32-year-old Soviet engineer who had been unable to obtain a job in his field was found frozen to death in an abandoned warehouse in Rehovot.

Forty percent of olim said to be depressed because they can't find employment in their professions

According to Reiser, the olim who've had the hardest time finding work are economists and financial specialists, artists, teachers in any of the humanities, and doctors.

"The employment situation for physicians is particularly problematic, since the ratio of physicians per capita is nine times as high among Soviet immigrants as it is among the veteran Israeli population, which itself is the world's highest," said Weinraub.

A survey conducted by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee found that only one-third of immigrant doctors (both new and those in Israel for more than two years) were gainfully employed. Of those, 40 percent were working as physicians, while 16 percent were nurses or paramedics.

In Reiser's judgment, those having the easiest time finding work in their primary fields are skilled industrial workers, engineers in computer science (after retraining) and electronics, architects, nurses and social workers.

Joblessness triggers depression. A study released by the Kupat Holim Psychiatric Hospital in Jerusalem found that 40 percent of Soviet immigrants described themselves as being depressed because they had lost hope of finding work in their chosen professions.

Housing is also a sore point.

Israel was singularly unprepared for the influx of immigrants and thus did not build enough units to accommodate them. This tale of woe is outlined voluminously by Roberta Cohen, a refugee expert whose essay, Israel's Problematic Absorption of Soviet Jews, appears in a new Canadian-published book, *Soviet-Jewish Emigration and Resettlement in the 1990s*. (York Lane Press).

In the absence of sufficient housing, she writes, Soviet olim were forced to move in with relatives and friends, to stay in hotels, or to lease rental apartments.

Some olim moved into mobile homes in sites scattered across Israel. More often than not, they were deemed unsatisfactory by their inhabitants. In June, new immigrants living in trailer homes staged a noisy demonstration in Jerusalem to protest conditions.

Shlomo Maital, a professor of economics and management at the Technion in Haifa, writes that the number of housing starts rose from 20,000 in 1989 to 42,000 in 1990, then to 84,000 in 1991 and 70,000 in 1992. The 130,000 flats completed during 1990-1992 were enough to house nearly all the immigrants, he claims. But there are glaring gaps. Although only 10 percent of Soviet immigrants settled in the southern part of the nation, 40 percent of all new housing was constructed there by the previous Likud government, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban acknowledges.

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Vladimir Kislik, 58, and his second wife, Bella Gulko, 53, came to Israel in April 1989. They live in a modest apartment in a tidy residential neighborhood of Jerusalem called Ramot. In some respects, their complaints and views are typical of their fellow Soviet immigrants.

Born in Kiev, and a physical chemist and metallurgist by training, Kislik is a researcher in chemical engineering at the Hebrew University. A native of Moscow, Gulko is an electrical engineer. At the moment, she is unemployed.

Kislik's Jewish consciousness was raised by the 1967 Six Day War, and he became involved in the Jewish emigration movement. He lost his job and made ends meet as a house painter, welder, bookbinder and streetcar ticket seller. A Refusenik from 1973 to 1989, he was arrested in 1981, charged with "hooliganism," a catch-all phrase which invariably included dissident Jews.

For three long years, the Kislik household was a personal hell on earth. "It was very hard," he recalls. "The anti-Semitism was intense. Jews in the camp were considered untouchables."

Gulko, who as a pre-university student was regularly beaten up by anti-Semites, applied for an exit visa in 1979, and was refused. Her brother, a chess champion, preceded her to Israel. He has since re-emigrated to the United States.

Kislik is basically pleased with his lot in Israel. "I am happy with my job. It goes not so bad. I thought I'd never work again in a scientific field." In addition, he is pleased with his standard of living, which is about the same as he enjoyed in the Soviet Union prior to 1973.

He had trouble learning Hebrew, and although he has mastered it to some degree, his English is better. He has no faith in Israel's cumbersome bureaucracy, saying it is as "crazy" as the one he was familiar with in the Soviet Union.

Gulko regrets her joblessness. "Israelis haven't heard of female electrical engineers," she said ruefully. "And my age is against me."

Yet she is glad to be in Israel, where she spends much of her time as a volunteer for a non-profit organization (Roof for the Needy) which helps elderly and single parent immigrant families find adequate shelter.

"Eighty thousand immigrants have no possibility to solve this problem without assistance," she said. "Thousands of apartments have been built in Israel in the last three years, but the old and single-parent families cannot afford them. There are very few apartments for rent in Israel today."

The solution? Low-cost rental units. In an appeal, Gulko asked Jewish organizations in the Diaspora to contribute funds to Roof for the Needy.

She and her husband believe that the chief, unsolved problem confronting most Soviet immigrants is unemployment and under-employment.

"The government can do more to help," Kislik suggested. "For a start, it can help them establish small businesses." (In fact, five non-profit technological "incubators" throughout Israel perform this role. They are supported by the Jewish Agency and the United Israel Appeal).

In despair of achieving a modicum of success, Kislik noted, a number of Soviet olim have left Israel. "Some have even returned to their former homes. Others have found ways of going to Canada, Australia and the United States."

He is staying.

As he put it, "Israel is my home. My place is in Israel."

Bella Gulko and Vladimir Kislik. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The disclosure in Jerusalem on July 14 that about 250 Yemenite Jews have secretly immigrated to Israel since 1992 suggests that Yemen may yet let its last remaining Jews emigrate.

Upwards of 1,500 Jews live in Yemen, one of the most remote Arab nations in the Middle East. Shortly after the establishment of Israel, the vast majority of Yemen's Jews, some 50,000 in number, immigrated to Israel via the then British colony of Aden. In acquiescence with the Yemenite government, they were airlifted to the Jewish state in Operation Magic Carpet.

For decades after Magic Carpet, very little was heard of Yemen's ancient Jewish community, whose origins can be traced back to the Second Temple period. Furthermore, in an approximation of the situation which prevailed in Syria until quite recently, Jews were forbidden altogether from leaving their homeland.

But in 1990, a crack appeared in the government's heretofore steadfast policy, when a handful of Yemenite Jews were given exit visas to visit the United States for medical treatment. Their visits were arranged by the New York-based International Coalition for the Revival of the Jews of Yemen. In 1991, Yemen permitted three more Jews to travel to the United States, which is home to about 6,000 Jews of Yemenite background. Two came to visit relatives, while a third arrived for Judaic studies.

Aliyah from Yemen

In a further relaxation of its policy, Yemen allowed the community to receive new supplies of ritual articles, including prayer books and Torah scrolls, and reportedly permitted the construction of a Jewish school and a mikva in Saana, the capital.

Speculation that Yemen would finally permit widespread Jewish immigration was fuelled by a February 1992 story in the Sunday Times of London that the Israeli government planned to airlift the remnants of Yemenite Jewry to Israel.

Yemen issued a stiff denial, and in Israel, Avigdor Kahalani, a Yemenite Jewry activist, described the report as "baseless."

In April 1992, the then Israeli minister of absorption, Yitzhak Peretz, declared that Israel was trying to organize an aliyah movement in Yemen. "I believe the day is not far off when we will be able to bring the Jews of Yemen here," he said.

A month later, Ariel Sharon, the housing minister, addressed this sensitive topic when he disclosed that Israel had begun efforts "to liberate" the Jews of Yemen. He apologized for the disclosure after being upbraided by Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister.

Last August, French Jewish communal leader Roger Pinto revealed that Yemen has no objections in principle to Jewish emigration.

Yemen, he explained, regards the community as "a tremendous historical asset" and wants Jews to stay. However, Pinto added, Yemen has no intention of putting obstacles in the way of Jews wishing to emigrate.

Pinto's remarks were given credence by Yemen's foreign minister, Abdel Karim al-Iryani. At a news conference during Pinto's trip, he said that while the Yemeni constitution forbids citizens to immigrate to Israel, they are free to go anywhere else "without restrictions."

Newspapers in neighboring Saudi Arabia claim that pressure is being brought to bear against Yemen by American and Western European Jewish organizations at a time when it's vulnerable because of its support for Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War.

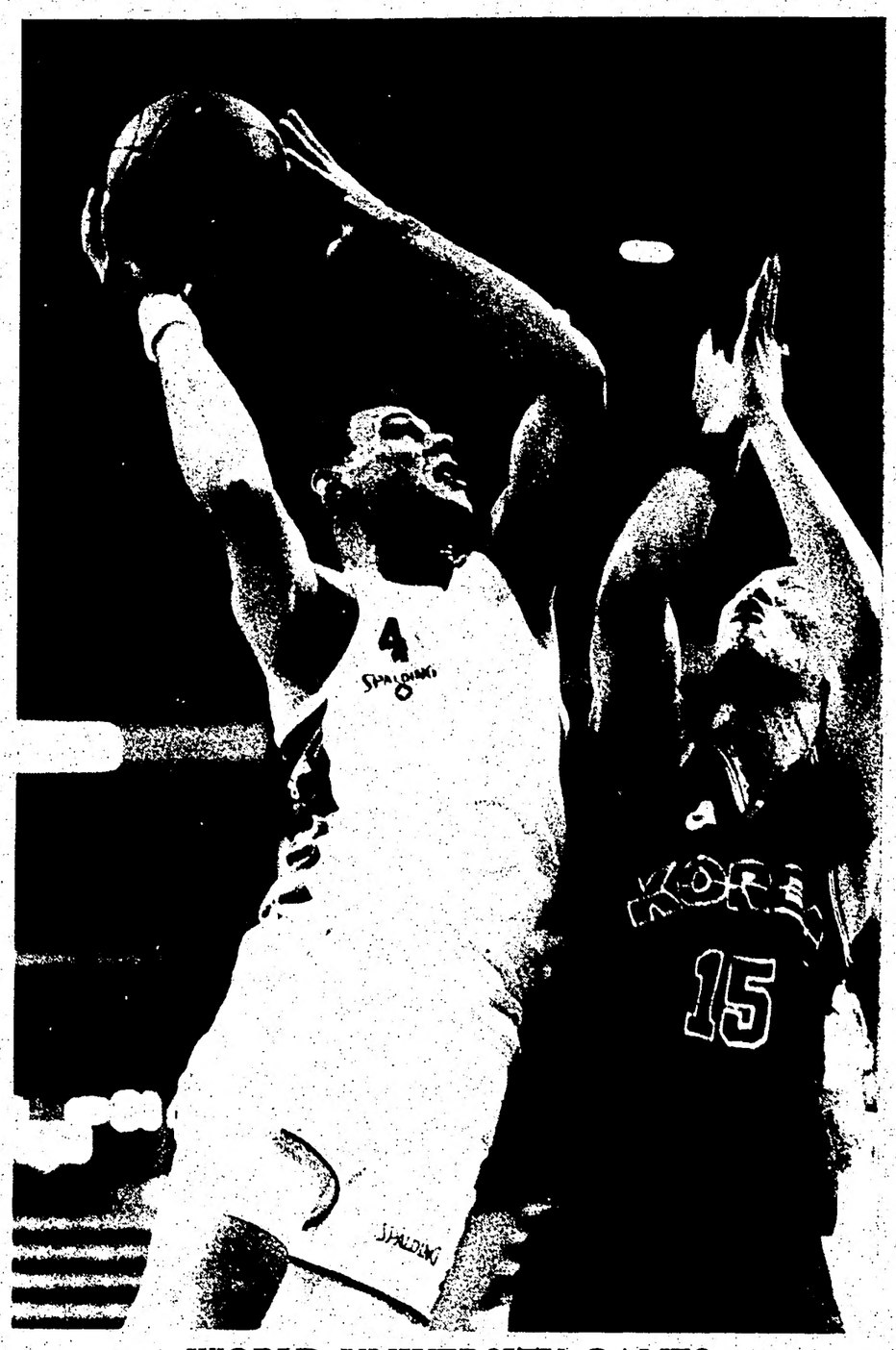
There is an element of truth in this argument. Yemen desperately needs Western help to develop its oil fields. But Yemen may not get that assistance unless it burnishes its human rights record, of which Jewish emigration is an integral part.

Ultra-Orthodox Jewish groups in the United States, notably the anti-Zionist Satmar sect and the Natorei Karta faction, have apparently urged Yemen to resist the pressure.

They claim that Jews should stay put because they can better preserve their traditions there. In recent years, Satmar emissaries have travelled to Saana through the good offices of the PLO and distributed religious literature to the Jews of Yemen in the hope they will not emigrate.

But they may yet leave.

Organizations and People



WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Israel's Steven Panovka is challenged by Jang Hoon Seo from South Korea in early action at the World University Games in Buffalo. Israel sent a delegation of 48 athletes to the Universaide. Israel's best result was a sixth-place finish in the men's basketball competition. [Alon Marcovici photo]

Klein to promote trade with Israel

EDMONTON — Premier Ralph Klein has expressed interest in going to Israel to promote economic and trade ties between that country and Alberta.

In a recent lucheon speech organized by Larry Rollingher, Wes Alexander and Sid Hanson of United Jewish Appeal's (UJA) Top Gifts Division, Klein said he would be interested in "promoting trade and economic cooperation" between the province and Israel.

Hanson volunteered on the spot to organize a business mission to escort the premier. His offer may be taken up soon; UJA campaign director Aharon Mor said a mission is being planned for early 1994.

New multiculturalism act adopted in British Columbia

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — British Columbia's Legislature has adopted a Multiculturalism Act that officially recognizes "the cultural and racial diversity" of the province.

Multicultural and Human Rights Minister Anita Hagen said in introducing Bill 39, that the new Act "promotes positive race relations and cross-cultural understanding."

The Act, introduced July 8, puts into law the province's multicultural policy, which was first announced by the former Social Credit government in October 1990.

Aims of Bill 39 are: to recognize the diversity of British Columbians as regards race, cultural heritage, religion, ethnicity, ancestry and place of origin as "a fundamental characteristic of B.C."; to encourage respect for the multicultural heritage of B.C.; to promote racial harmony and cross-cultural understanding and the development of a community that is united and at peace with itself; and to foster the creation of a society "in which there are no impediments to the full and free participation of all British Columbians in the economic, social, cultural and political life" of the province.

The Act declares that violence, hatred and discrimination on the basis of race, cultural heritage, religion, ethnicity, ancestry or place of origin "have no place" in the province.

The Act promises also that the government will work towards building a society free from all forms of racism and will recognize the inherent right of citizens to be treated with dignity. Government services and programs will be conducted "in a manner sensitive and responsive to the multicultural reality of British Columbia."

All other areas of government must submit an annual report to the minister "setting out the initiative that it has undertaken in the period for which the report is prepared to promote the policies of the Act." The minister of multiculturalism will report annually to the Legislature on the ministry's activities.

In addition to the Act, Hagen said the government has doubled the multicultural grants budget to $1 million. The money will be targeted at non-profit organizations that undertake projects supporting "positive" race relations.

Kirshner leaves Pride of Israel

TORONTO — Rabbi Sherman Kirshner, who became spiritual leader of Pride of Israel Synagogue in North York just a year ago, is no longer employed at the shul.

No details were available as *The CJN* went to press last week.

"I can't tell you anything," Pride of Israel president Harvey Jubas said. "It's between his lawyer and our lawyer. I really can't say anything until it's all straightened out."

Jubas said Rabbi Kirshner and the synagogue parted company "a few weeks ago."

He would not say whether Rabbi Kirshner quit or was fired.

Rabbi Kirshner, 54, took up his duties at the 700-family member Pride of Israel last August. He came to the shul after serving pulpits in Michigan and Florida.

In a *CJN* interview a year ago, he said that in addition to being a rabbi, he was also a cantor, a certified mohel, a psychologist and a doctor of pastoral counselling.

He said he received Orthodox smicha (ordination) from Rabbi Yehuda Gershuni, the renowned dean of Yeshiva Eretz Yisrael in New York and Israel. That was after he graduated as a cantor and certified surgical mohel.

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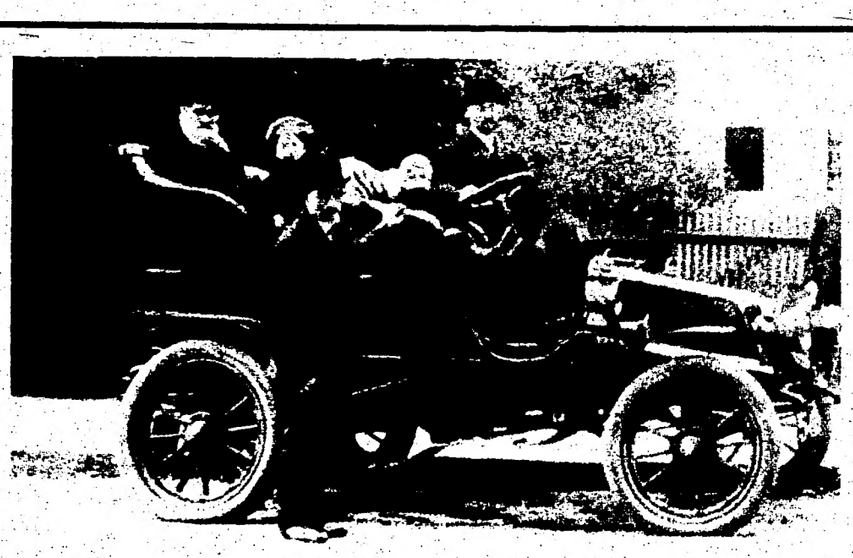

Israel Webber (Politsky) posed in his son-in-law's car a few years before his death. His descendents are planning a family reunion.

Family reunion planned for Politsky family

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Almost 200 years after his birth, the descendents of Israel Leib Politsky will gather for a family reunion picnic at Earl Bales Park on Aug. 29.

Politsky, who outlived three wives and had a second family with the fourth, was "quite the personality in his time," according to his great-great-granddaughter Frances Strauss.

He died in 1916 at the age of 114 — officially. According to relatives, though, he was actually 117, having lied about his age when he immigrated from Russia around the turn of the century. An obituary in the Evening Telegram noted that Politsky remembered Napoleon's army marching to Moscow when he (Politsky) was a boy.

Politsky, who was from a small town in White Russia, probably Borisov, joined two of his daughters in Toronto, living first with one family, then the other. He adopted the surname of his son-in-law Samuel Webber, a founder of Goel Tzedec Synagogue who had prospered in the real estate business.

Politsky is remembered as a pious man who called his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to him when he knew he was dying so that he could bless them. Despite his advanced age, he was not ready to die and specifically said he didn't want to, according to family history. Apparently he was injured by a beer barrel which had rolled off a horse-drawn wagon. "That was what killed him," said Anna Goodman, a double descendent (her parents were cousins) who was born in 1926.

Politsky had five children with his first wife: Rose (Webber), Gnesha (Kroll), Avrom (who changed his last name to Paulin), Adla Channa (Markman) who remained in Russia, and Rafuel.

Politsky had two children with his fourth wife, who was about 45 years his junior: Lily (Cohen) and William. A number of relatives who survived the Holocaust came to Toronto in the 1940s and '50s.

The Toronto descendents remained close-knit for decades after Politsky's death. Goodman recalls weekly Saturday night gatherings of "all the relatives" at various homes.

On July 28, 1929, the family gathered en masse for a picnic at Scarborough Bluffs in honor of Politsky's eldest granddaughter and her husband, Sarah Esther and Noah Bellovin, who were visiting from New York.

Over 70 people, among them a very young Anna Goodman (then Kroll), posed for a family picture which Strauss now refers to as "the famous photo." At a recent bridal shower, Strauss and her cousin by marriage, Margo Grosbein, decided to plan a 65th anniversary picnic for 1994.

This year's picnic will be a preliminary reunion that Grosbein and Strauss hope will lead to a 65th anniversary reunion next year. Because of the size of the family, "each of us knows a few [relatives], but none of us knows everybody any more."

Grosbein's husband, Norman, a great-great-grandson of Politsky, has put together a family tree which fills seven large cardboards. He also has family photos dating back to the 1800s, providing unique documentation of the family's history.

Members of the extended Paulin, Kroll, Webber, Grosbein, Cohen, Pearl, Markman or Bellovin families are invited to call Strauss at 635-1145 or Grosbein at 633-1796 for information and to reserve tables at the upcoming picnic.

Survivor of Hebron pogrom uses poetry to describe horrors

By RON CSILLAG

Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer

TORONTO — Like all good writers, Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer has a prodigious memory.

Put another way, she cannot forget.

Even though she was only five years old at the time, she recalls in chilling detail the events of Aug. 24, 1936 in Hebron, then in British-administered Palestine, when an Arab mob went on a rampage, chopping down doors with axes, dragging Jews from their homes and beating them to death in the streets.

The Arabs, some 17,000 of them in Hebron, dwarfed the town's 700 Jewish residents. When the dust settled, the pogrom left 67 Jews dead; the rioters did not spare women, children or the aged. Sixty were wounded. According to one official account, the British gave the Arab mob passive assent. Among those killed, before her young eyes, was Miriam's father, a strapping 30-year-old who had come to the town just three years earlier from White Russia.

"I remember it was Shabbat and too dangerous to go outside," Schneid-Ofseyer, an award-winning writer and poet, told *The CJN*, "so my father put on tallit and prayed at home. There were rumors of a pogrom by the Arabs. Suddenly, the mob was at our home. They knocked, then an axe came through and hit my father. He was bleeding. They put a hole in the door and came into the house.

"They dragged my father out on the porch and I tried to push them away." Suddenly, a hatchet came down on the small child's head and she blacked out. "When I woke up, I saw my father lying there with his eyes open. I said, 'Aba, get up.' The blood was pouring out. I went inside and told my mother. She pretended to be dead but when she opened her eyes, an Arab cut her belly. I said, 'His eyes are open but he won't answer.' She told me to get him some water. I poured it into his mouth but it just fell out.

"For decades, I felt guilty that if only I could have brought him water earlier, he would have lived."

Miriam, her gravely-wounded mother and two siblings survived the massacre. All moved to Jerusalem to convalesce and take up their lives. Miriam spent a year in hospital recovering from her head wound. A deep groove in her scalp remains a grisly souvenir.

But the writer in her could not be quelled. For the next 50 years, Hebrew poetry and prose spilled forth. Her verse, contained in six volumes, won the coveted first prize in poetry from the Israeli Association of Composers and Writers.

In 1945, she married Otto Schneid, the Czech-born painter, poet, classicist and all-round renaissance man who had refused to bend his artistic integrity to the Nazis and escaped to Palestine in 1939. The couple came to Canada in 1963, when Miriam began a teaching career at CHAT and Associated Hebrew School until her retirement in 1977. Otto Schneid died in 1974 and two years later, Miriam married Arieh Ofseyer, a psychologist and one-time chalutznik.

Today, the couple dwells on a quiet Downsview street. But Miriam's memory has never stopped percolating.

Thanks to prodding from her husband, who recognized his wife's long-held silence on the pogrom, even in her writings, as a Holocaust survivor-like syndrome, Miriam has finally opened up. She has penned a short story describing that terrible day, innocuously titled, "Hebron — Memories From My Childhood." The author isn't quite sure what to do with the story; perhaps it will be incorporated into one of her books someday. But she is relieved that finally, the horrible event, as told from the innocent perspective of a child, is down on paper.

In the meantime, she will mark her father's yahrzeit on Aug. 5, corresponding to the 18th day of Av. The author is quick to note that the number 18 means life in Judaism, while Av loosely translates into Hebrew as father. Her father may not be alive but his memory, at least, lives on.

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Jewish Hospice Program launched for terminally-ill

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Years of thought, planning and co-ordination between communal agencies have resulted in a unique new initiative for Toronto: the Jewish Hospice Program (JHP), designed to allow terminally-ill Jews their last measure of dignity.

The program won't go into effect for a few weeks but volunteers are being sought now to work with a professional team in the delivery of a variety of palliative care services to the Jewish dying.

The JHP will be home-based, in keeping with the philosophy that dying in an institution is cold and impersonal, whereas dying in one's own bed, surrounded by loved ones, is the most comfortable and dignified way to pass on.

There has been growing demand for in-home palliative care services in Toronto's Jewish community for years, says Michael Steele, chair of the JHP's advisory board.

"The climate for the delivery of services has changed substantially," Steele told *The CJN*, "and there's a recognition that if the service is to be delivered, it has to be on a co-operative model."

Thus, several Jewish communal agencies have come together. Experts from Jewish Family & Child Service, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Mount Sinai Hospital and Senior Care will lend their knowledge. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto struck the advisory committee, which has representatives from all the agencies, and funding will be provided by the Bequest and Endowment Fund and a personal donation.

While the word hospice may suggest transferring the dying person to a free-standing structure for his or her final days, the JHP will stress home assistance for the patient as well as for the caregivers. It's all aimed at creating an environment that is as relaxing and familiar — and Jewish — as possible.

Despite the established experts to be involved — doctors, social workers, a Jewish chaplain — organizers stress the program will be volunteer-driven.

Prospective volunteers will be screened and undergo 27 hours of training over eight weeks, as well as on-going training, says Renee Montpellier of Senior Care, which will coordinate volunteer recruitment, selection and training.

Volunteers may be asked to help with a variety of tasks, anything a caregiver would normally do. That could range from providing emotional support and personal supervision of a dying person, to allowing the caregiver some respite by pitching in with some housekeeping or shopping, or supervising children in the home.

A minimal commitment of two hours a week for one year is required. Patients would be in the terminal stages of a life-threatening disease, be it cancer, AIDS or Parkinson's.

"It sounds depressing and onerous but it can be extremely rewarding," says JHP co-ordinator Sheila Walker, a JF&CS social worker. "You won't always be sitting next to a dying person."

According to Jerry Berman, director of home services for Senior Care, roughly 70 percent of all terminally ill people choose to die at home and there are seven home-based palliative care hospice programs in Metro.

Baycrest provides 23 palliative care beds and under the terms of the JHP, will provide more if they become available and patients meet certain criteria.

But it is the Jewish component that will make the JHP different.

The emphasis, says Walker, will be on the Jewish attitude toward death and dying. Often, she points out, even secular Jews choose to exercise their faith, or Jewish customs and traditions, when facing imminent death.

Rabbi Norman Berlat, staff chaplain at Baycrest, will lend his expertise but with the death earlier this year of JF&CS chaplain Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Metro's pulpit rabbis may be asked to brush up on their chaplaincy skills, Walker adds.

The need for palliative home care in the Jewish community first surfaced in 1988. A conference on palliative care was held in 1989 under the auspices of Federation (then called Toronto Jewish Congress). What developed since, says Steele, is the need for one central, seamless service to address the psychological, physical and spiritual needs of the dying person, from a Jewish perspective.

That perspective, adds Walker, includes the need for the terminally ill to come to terms with their lot. The program will not encourage patients to use artificial life-support means.

Once it is in place, the program initially expects to serve between 20 and 30 Jewish terminally ill, of all ages, across Metro.

Referrals to the program may be made to Sheila Walker at (416) 638-7800 while those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Renee Montpellier at (416) 635-2860.

Holocaust centre planned for B.C.

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society (VHCS) is pleased to announce the 1994 opening of its Holocaust Education Centre. The VHCS is dedicated to combating prejudice and racism by educating British Columbians, particularly students and teachers, about the events and implications of the Holocaust.

For many years, the VHCS facilitated outreach programs that took Holocaust survivors into classrooms throughout the province. Now, with the opening of the Holocaust Education Centre, students will have the opportunity to absorb the lessons of the Holocaust in a creative learning environment. This 4,000-sq. ft. resource centre is being built in the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver at 950 W. 41st Avenue.

Research facility

Representatives of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, along with Holocaust survivors, museum consultants, and education specialists, are working together to create an important new teaching and research facility. Visitors will have access to the centre's exhibits, on-line interactive computers, library and archives.

By providing a multi-disciplinary approach to learning, as well as lectures, films and seminars, the Holocaust Education Centre will help prepare students to recognize the signs of racism and to develop the skills required to build and safeguard a democratic society.

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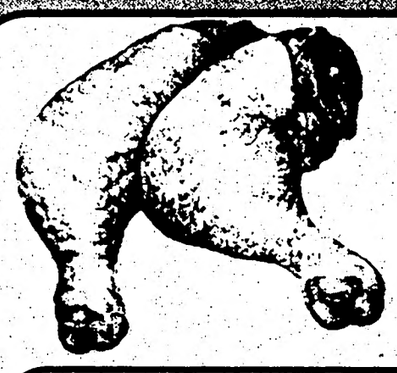

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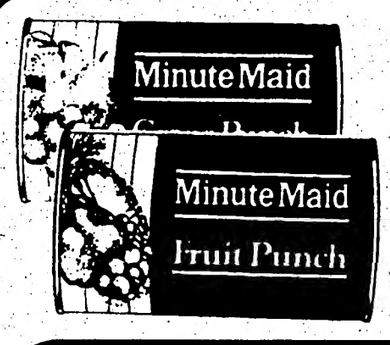

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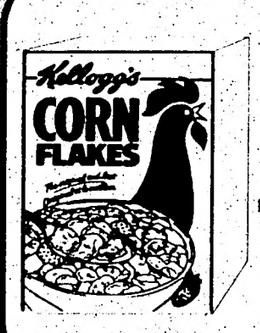

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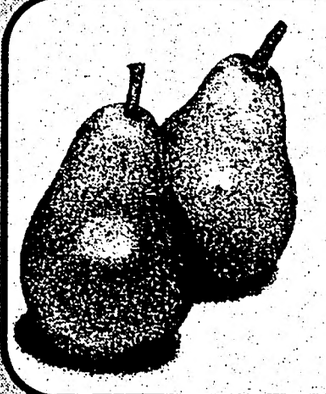

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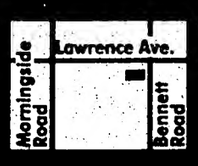

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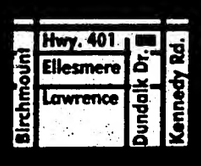

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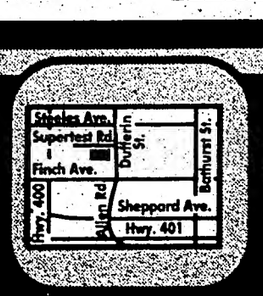

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Departing shaliach to bring baseball to Israel's youth

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — When Israel Ben-Haim returns to his own country next month after two years as the shaliach for the Jewish National Fund in Toronto, he'll be taking an unusual farewell gift from his JNF colleagues. It's an official Blue Jays World Series jacket.

The jacket is a tribute to Ben-Haim's loyalty to the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team. He attends as many games as he can and watches the Jays regularly on TV.

When he is back in Israel with his family, he intends to start a litle league softball team in the Ra'anana area because he thinks Israeli youngsters will take to the sport with enthusiasm. "Maybe in 50 years time we'll graduate to hardball and have a team that can compete with the Blue Jays."

Ben-Haim didn't let his interest in baseball interfere with his duties. His two-year stint resulted in one of the most succcessful fundraising efforts ever by the JNF, according to executive director Ben Prossin.

Israel Ben-Haim

Ben-Haim is setting up an office in Ra'anana to represent Canadian and American businessmen wanting to invest in Israel, particularly in those Israeli firms which export to North American mass markets.

One of the fields Ben-Haim believes has good potential is that of business and personal security. He has high hopes for an Israeli device which could prevent mysterious crib deaths in children by triggering an alarm when the baby stops breathing.

Ben-Haim, now 45, was in the Israeli army for 25 years with a distinguished record before coming to Toronto.

The extent of Jewish organization in Toronto, and the amount of volunteer effort that keeps it going, has so impressed Ben-Haim that he intends to do volunteer work in Israel.

"When my friends come to visit me in Toronto, I don't take them to the CN Tower, I take them to all the little and big synagogues and all the little and big Jewish schools. Toronto is the best organized Jewish city in the world."

His wife, Galia, is already back in Israel owing to the death of her father. With her are their two children, Nadav, 19, who is joining the Israeli army in August as a paratrooper after completing one year in science at the University of Toronto, and Ehud, 13, who attended Bialik school.

Genealogy software system helps to sketch family trees

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — The Dorot Genealogy Center at Beth Hatefutsoth Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv is a data base of 900 Jewish family trees containing more than 200,000 names. Center director Diana Sommer launched the latest version of their genealogy software system at the 12th Annual Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, held in Toronto June 27 to 30.

The system, called Personal Dorot, enables amateurs to sketch their family tree on IBM-compatible PCs and afterwards search for names at the Center. The $99.95 price tag includes free entry into the Center's data base (manual entry costs a dollar per name for the first 50 names and 60 cents for subsequent names).

The Center's data base is also being overhauled. When the new PC network replaces their VAX system, there will be an automatic linking system so that repeated names in different family trees can be found.

The Dorot Center was founded by a grant given by Dr. Douglas Goldman from California in 1984. It is known as the place that finds people.

Every month the Center receives hundreds of inquiries from around the world. The Center is run with a staff of four and 19 volunteers. They come from 14 different countries and can read scrawny handwriting in languages that most people never heard of.

Sommer made the point that although the amateur is doing most of the work, and sometimes laying out what can be a lot of money (many amateur genealogists have family trees with over 2,500 names), the Center helps link up the different branches. Researchers are given the names of all the visitors who appear on their family trees in order for them to share information.

But this free exchange of information does bring up one of the stickier issues facing the Dorot Center, maintaining the balance between free access to information vs. the need for privacy. "This can be a very fine line at times," said Dr. Anthony Joseph of Birmingham.

The software package can search such sensitive issues as illegitimacy, suicide, conversion, genetic diseases, adoptions, non-martital relationships and divorce. Only the immediate family can access such information, but there is the risk that it will be read by someone who should not.

The other issue surrounding the Dorot Center is the relatively limited size of the data base. People have been deterred by the fee requirement, and the Center had problems with its cumbersome VAX system, which often could not provide the linkups people were most interested in.

Today, these problems are being faced and solved. In 1991 the data base had 100,000 entries and that has already doubled; the new version of Personal Dorot should be more user friendly; and there are great hopes for the new computer system. The idea of the whole Jewish tribe eventually being on one computer system in Israel is still a possibility. The Dorot Center can be contacted by fax at 972-3-6462134.

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Organizations and People

Jabotinsky writings cited as a warning

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The writings of Ze'ev Jabotinsky were cited at a memorial service for his Yahrzeit as a warning to the Israeli government not to cede any territory in the search for peace.

At the service at the Toronto Zionist Centre attended by 200 people, sponsored by Herut-Likud, Sheldon Lerman quoted the following passage from Jabotinsky's writing: "To prosper the son of an Arab, the son of a Christian, and my son, our flag will fly on both sides of the Jordan."

Lerman, chairman of the Israel Public Affairs Committee of B'nai Brith Canada, declared: "In this era of peace negotiations, Israelis are called upon to be more flexible. Jews have been making compromises for peace from the beginning. We cannot dismiss the covenant of the PLO which calls for the destruction of Israel."

He quoted another passage from Jabotinsky's writing: "May my right hand wither if I forget the left side of the Jordan."

Citing a new book by an Arab professor in England, Rabbi Irvin Brandwein of Beth Sholom Synagogue said the author contends that Israel will not win security by ceding territory.

Describing Jabotinsky as a "towering figure of modern Jewish history," Brandwein deplored the fact that he was not supported and revered by his own people.

"Jabotinksky continues to be relevant to the Jewish people and we pay tribute to his teachings and to his legacy which will go on forever," said chairman Harry Wall.

Louis Shainhouse led the singing of songs popular with Jabotinsky's followers.

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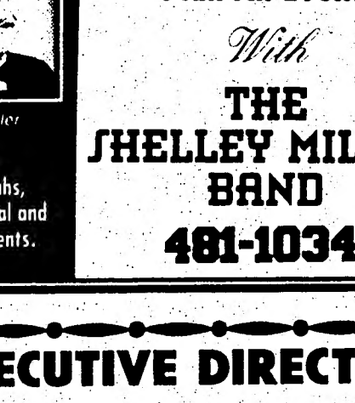

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Super Fitness official apologizes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Super Fitness vice-president who uttered anti-Semitic remarks and made obscene gestures to club members has been demoted and has issued a public apology.

Club president Kenneth Wheeler said the Super Fitness health club had taken a number of steps to correct the situation in which Michele Boileau, vice-president for sales, insulted members at the club's Steeles Avenue location.

Wheeler said the measures are the toughest possible, short of dismissal. Boileau was suspended without pay for 10 days, pending his investigation into the incident.

Boileau was also demoted to the position of club supervisor — a job that commands less authority and "a very substantial reduction in pay."

Boileau is now required to report to the club owners on a daily basis so that her conduct can continually be monitored, Wheeler said, and she was required to issue a public apology for her conduct.

In a letter to Super Fitness members issued last week, Boileau said the "anti-Semitic insult" was spoken "in a moment of anger and frustration. I knew instantly that I had done wrong, and was so appalled and upset by my own actions that I immediately left work and went home."

Boileau said the remark "was completely out of character. I am not anti-Semitic. A number of my personal friends are Jews...I wish to offer my most sincere apologies to all members of Super Fitness and the community who were rightfully shocked by my behavior."

Anti-Semitic insult spoken 'in moment of anger'

Wheeler said "everybody involved regards it as an extremely serious situation. At this point, she deeply regrets the incident and recognizes its severity."

In a memorandum released last week, Wheeler said "on behalf of myself personally, and as president of Super Fitness, I am extending my apologies to all who were offended by this unfortunate occurrence."

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the resolution of the affair is the best that can be expected in the circumstances. "We are satisfied because there is little more we could do."

Congress had been asked by Super Fitness members to look into the affair. Bernie Farber, director of community relations for the Jewish organization, said Wheeler treated the incident seriously from the outset, recognizing that it involved anti-Semitism.

Club member Victoria Mignanelli, who witnessed the incident, said she believes Boileau is getting off easily. "I don't want to see that woman in the club any more. Whenever she would come into the club, it would spell trouble. . . unless she said personally to me that she apologized and took back what happened."

The incident in question took place in late May when Boileau confronted several club members and called their concerns about an exercise class "bull---t." She then said to one member that she probably didn't work and was living off her husband's money. She then called the member a "f---ing Jew."

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Orthodox women launch prayer group at synagogue

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —It was a stormy February morning. The event was virtually unheard of in the Toronto Orthodox community. No one knew what to expect.

What they got was an explosion of feeling and ruach, not to mention numbers, beyond the organizers' dreams.

Shaarei Shomayim had held its first, but not last, women's tefillah (prayer) group.

Shayna Kravetz, a synagogue member and one of the organizers of the group, said that there were always a number of women who wanted to be able to take a greater role in the synagogue services. They wished to do it, however, within the bounds of halachah, Jewish law.

"When [newly arrived] Rabbi Dratch let it be known that he was comfortable with the idea," Kravetz said, "the women took up the ball and ran with it."

Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the month, is the holiday given to women, according to tradition, because they refused to support the building of the golden calf during the Exodus from Egypt. Women's prayer groups frequently choose it as their day to gather.

Another service was held in June, on Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, at which, in spite of virtually no publicity, nearly 80 women turned up.

It was then decided to carry on on a monthly basis. The women's service (that is, a service conducted by, and attended only by, women) will be held in conjunction with a shiur, which will be led, initially at least, by experienced women teachers, among them Shoshana Zolty and Ruchama Alter.

Kravetz said that it is hoped that eventually other participants will feel comfortable enough to also lead some shiurim.

When Rosh Chodesh falls on a weekday, the program will begin around 8 p.m. If it falls on Shabbat, a luncheon is planned, and a half-day program for Sundays. At no time will the schedule conflict with regular synagogue service times.

This first year, the subject for the classes will be notable Jewish women. Rachel was the topic for Rosh Chodesh Tammuz (July 19), Eve for Elul, and Sarah for Cheshvan. Others to be discussed include Devorah, Miriam, Michal (the wife of David) and Jephtha's daughter.

Feedback has been generally positive, Kravetz said. Some have seen the group as an opportunity to encourage women's participation in davening. Those who were educated in religious women's schools, and are used to davening with women, welcome the chance to do so again.

The chance to hear a woman's voice, other than your own, at a service "makes the prayers more personal." And, Kravetz noted, people feel that anything that promotes genuine kavanah should be encouraged.

On the other hand, she said, the growth of women's prayer groups (they exist throughout the United States; in Jerusalem; London, England; and Melbourne, Australia, as well) is taking place against the background of the secular feminist movement, "a political weight we carry because of other people's perceptions.

"People may see it as defiance, rather than as a way of seeking kavanah. For that reason, some synagogues refused to announce the February program or to put up posters."

For others, the breaking off of any group from the main congregation is unacceptable.

Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim, is aware of the opposition.

"I understand and respect those who disagree with it, but I and many others see that many women are sincerely searching for a way to express themselves spiritually."

A women's prayer group, he said, was "a need I identified in my shul. I believe in creating opportunities for people."

The group, Rabbi Dratch emphasized, is not meant to imitate a minyan. "The service is completely in accordance with halachah."

What this means is that any part of the davening that requires a minyan (defined by Orthodoxy as 10 men over the age of 13) is omitted. There is no Kedushah, no Kaddish, no reading from the Torah scroll, and the Amidah, the central part of the davening, is said together, out loud, and is not repeated.

Participants from outside the synagogue are welcome. For more information, contact Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 789-3213.

Correction

Our July 22 story on the Davisville Village Chaverim indicated there were 30 chaverim (friends) in the group. In fact, there are 30 families who are involved with the organization.

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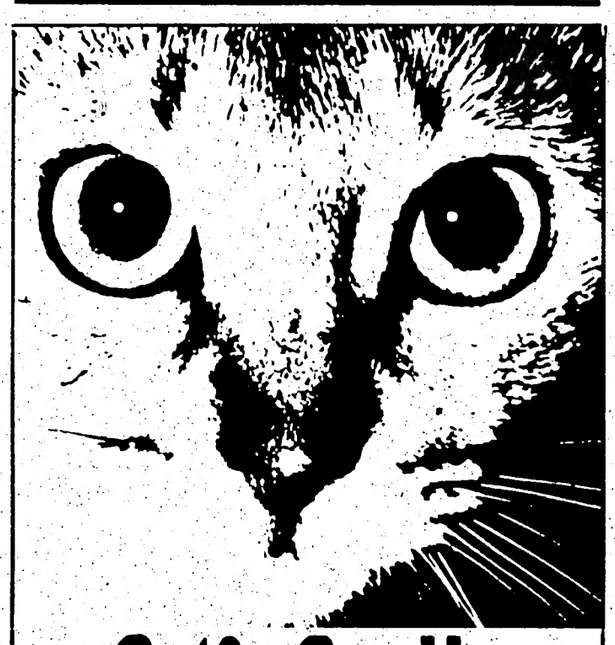
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, July 29, is deadline for August 12 issue and Thursday, August 5, is deadline for August 19). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, August 1

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Another monthly gathering open to anyone who wishes to tell or listen to stories of Jewish relevance is being presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Host is **Leslie Robbins** and featured storyteller is **Alec Gelcer**. Suggested donation at door $3. For information, call 699-8914.

Monday, August 2

EVA FISHMAN SHOW

The Eva Fishman Show features emcee **Vlad Handera**, Moshe Turk and his orchestra (courtesy Music Performance Trust Fund), the Barvink Ukranian Dancers; **Sarah Hertzberg**, cantorials, songs by **Arnie Wishkin**. It all begins at 7 p.m. sharp at Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park., Free tickets at box office from 6 p.m. This is sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mint**.

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Friday, August 6

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Lola Julitta Burns

Wednesday, August 11

YIDL MITN FIDL

Overbrook Cultural Club is screening a video, *Yidl Mitn Fidl*, starring **Molly Picon** at 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre, Bathurst-Sheppard). Refreshments will follow. Members no charge, non-members $2. For information, call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

Thursday, August 12

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Lifestyle Retirement Communities' summer lecture series on International Politics with **Morton Manilla** will deal with The Foreign Policy of the Clinton Administration at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free but seating is limited. To reserve a place, call **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

And What Else Is New...

KINDER TRANSPORT GET-TOGETHER

Kinder Transport Organization of Toronto is having a gemutlich get-together Sunday, August 15. Anyone who left Germany or Austria after Kristallnacht in a children's transport to England is welcome. Come and meet fellow kinder. For information, call **Liesa**, 497-7086 or **Inge**, 486-1524.

ONEG SHABBAT CONCERT

Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy program presents an Oneg Shabbat Concert-in-the-Round Friday, August 13, featuring Sephardic folksinger **Flory Jagoda**. Born in Sarajevo to a musical family steeped in Sephardic tradition, Jagoda has been called the "keeper of the flame" of Balkan Sephardic music. Temple services begin at 8:15 p.m.

GOLDEN CIRCLE LUNCHEON

The Toronto ORT 1993 Golden Circle Scholarship Tribute Luncheon and Gala Fashion Show by **Alfred Sung** is set for Wednesday, August 11, at noon at the Park Plaza Hotel. RSVP to 787-0297.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Sept. 20 to Dec. 20, 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses are Tuesdays, Sept. 21 to Dec. 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. They promise beginners will speak, read, and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are offered for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

DINNER DANCE

Court Ahavas Achem is holding a dinner dance Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner (Glatt kosher) at 7. RSVP by August 18. Call **Eva**, 636-8323.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Ner Israel Yeshiva will pay tribute to grandparents blessed to have two generations attend the yeshiva. This momentous occasion will take place Sunday evening, Oct. 24, at Bais Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, Thornhill. For information, call Yeshiva office, 731-1224.

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HELP DIAGNOSE PARKINSON'S

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre researchers are studying ways to improve diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. Volunteers who may be eligible to participate must have a confirmed diagnosis of Parkinson's and be over 60 years of age. Researchers are particularly interested in people with Parkinson's who are having memory problems.

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BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits**. For information, call **David** at 256-1600.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups: Positive Parenting Groups, beginning in the fall; Surviving Separation and Divorce, begins August 10); Adult Children Losing a Parent; One Marriage, two Religions (for engaged couples from different religions), begins October. For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

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at the JCC

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NEW NISHMA CENTRE

NISHMA Canada president Michael Hart affixes mezuzah at the new NISHMA Centre on Wilson Avenue as founding director Rabbi Benjamin Hecht and Centre co-ordinator Daisy Benchimol look on. [Stephen Epstein photo].

BOOK LAUNCHED

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem board members David Smuschkowitz (left) and Peter Silverman (right), pictured above with Mayor Mel Lastman, were presented with a scroll from the residents of the City of North York in recogniton of their exceptional contributions and efforts. Smuschkowitz, his brother Peter Smuszkowicz (not in photo) and Silverman, their cousin, are founding members of the Canadian Society. They recently wrote and published their book, From Victims to Victors, describing their fight as partisans against the Nazi oppressors during the Holocaust. The book can be obtained from the Canadian Society at 660-6028.

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for seniors

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The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning, adjust to loss, share experiences, make new friends. The next meeting is August 8, 1-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. Call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271, for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings: Saturday dances July 31 and August 7, 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); the movie *Yours, Mine and Ours* with **Lucille Ball**, Wednesday, August 4, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); barbecue party, Sunday, August 8, 2-4 p.m. with hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, coffee, cake and entertainment (members $5, non-members $6); Sunday dance with live band August 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5); North York Board of Education courses starting Sept. 20 are bridge, fitness, line dancing, yoga. For information regarding Buffalo trip call the office, 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club upcoming events include ArtPark August 12 to see *Anything Goes*; cruise to Bobcaygeon, August 26; Israeli trip, Nov. 14 to Dec. 2 (reservations now being taken). For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, there's a summer party Sunday, August 8, 7:30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. with entertainment by Chromatic Band. Tickets are $6 members, $8 non-members, to be purchased at meetings. For information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

Sunrise Group is arranging a 22-day trip to Israel Oct. 18 through Nov. 8, with return transportation, accommodation, Israeli breakfast and dinner daily, two lunches, insurance, sightseeing, all for $3,395 per person double occupancy. Those without partners can be teamed up. Call **Esther** or **Monique**, 932-2534.

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August has been designated as the Centre's Membership Awareness Month. Tours of the Centre are being held Thursday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 24 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served and participants will be eligible for the August door prize. For registration, call **Helen Issenberg**, 225-2112.

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Upcoming Sunday movies are *Stanley and Iris*, August 1, and *Tale of Two Cities*, August 8. The time is 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

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At the Wednesday afternoon social August 11 singer **Lize Shein** will take you around the world with song. That's at 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

NFTB REGION PRESIDENT

Richard Gurian, immediate past president of Temple Sinai Brotherhood, has been named president of the Central Region of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB). The region consists of brotherhoods in Ohio, Michigan, Western New York and Pennsylvania as well as Ontario.

Gurian is also a past president of the Canadian Council of Reform Brotherhoods, based in Toronto. He attended the City College of New York (BBA, '59) and Boston University School of Business.

TOP SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Carrie Alayne Mandel, daughter of Toronto lawyer **Lawrence (Laurie)** and **Marjorie Mandel**, was awarded a BA with highest honors at Princeton University's 246th commencement. Carrie, who majored in comparative literature (French and German), will begin a corporate internship in Paris in September, under the auspices of the Ecole Polytechnique and Jean Monnet Program.

Also the recipient of Princeton's Harold Willis Dodds Achievement Prize, Carrie was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society recognizing those in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes. While at Princeton she was a member of the debate team and was co-founder, artistic director, choreographer and performer for the Body Hype Jazz Dance Company, a popular on-campus dance troupe.

CZF CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Rabbi Erwin Schild has been appointed chairman of the Canadian Zionist federation's 7th National Convention taking place at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel Nov. 7 and 8. Following a distinguished career as spiritual leader of Adath Israel Synagogue, Rabbi Schild was appointed Rabbi Emeritus in 1989 and continues to play an active role in the congregation.

Rabbi Erwin Schild

YIDDISH FOREVER YOUNG

Yiddish Forever Young, Skylight Theatre's musical review in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, featuring actress/singer Gloria Valentine, producer/director Nathan Garnick, folksinger Faye Kellerstein plus Jordan Klapman and his Klezmorim, guitarist Brian Katz, singer Allan Merovitz, comedians Allen Farkas and Michael Lebovic, dancers Alexei Fateyev with the Kalinka Group and emcee Richard Basset, goes on stage Tuesday, August 10, 4 and 7 p.m. at Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park. Admission is free. In case of rain, 7 p.m. performance only at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

SUCCESSFUL TRIBUTE

At a recent successful Tribute to Soldiers of Israel dinner/dance held at the Constellation Hotel, Jack Muskat (third from right), Toronto branch chair, is shown above presenting a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Leonid Sigalov in recognition of their continuous support of the soldiers of Israel's Defense Forces. Looking on are three IDF soldiers who were guests of honor at the event.

JERUSALEM ELWYN

At Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn's recent successful function held at Scaramouche restaurant, pastry chef Joanne Yolles (left) and Kitchen Studio chef Carl Korte (second from left) pose for a picture with board members (from left) Jennie Cass, Sally Birnbaum, Pauline Morrow and Dorothy Wiener.

MAKING A POINT

Maxim Levy (centre), mayor of Lod and chair of the Israel Union of Local Authorities, makes his point to Gerta Frieberg of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman at a reception in Toronto. A number of Canadian politicians from various levels of government attended the reception. [Daniel Fine photo]

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Organizations and People

Teacher repays favor by helping ORT kids

TEL AVIV — Yehuda Segal's life turned around when he joined an ORT school at the age of 14. He came from a disadvantaged home where even a pencil was considered a luxury. Segal continued his studies through ORT, became a school teacher and school headmaster, and in 1967, founded the Kfar Saba ORT Education Center.

Over the last 25 years, he has been offered many more "prestigious" positions, but he sees his role at Kfar Saba, a school that takes on kids who have been rejected by the mainstream school system — the poor, the learning disabled, the kids who often end up on the streets — as too important to leave.

"These are my kids. I know where they are coming from. I can help them," he said.

Segal was talking to over 300 volunteers and professional fundraisers from around the world who had come together this past spring in Tel Aviv for the World ORT Congress. They flew in from Czechoslovakia, Peru, India, South Africa, the United States and Canada. There were also delegates from Morocco, Romania, Argentina, France, and of course Israel.

Women's Canadian ORT was honored when the Congress elected its national president Lydia London, as a vice-president of World ORT Union (WOU). London was appointed to serve on the administrative committee of WOU — the first woman in Canada to be elected to this position. She said that she is hoping to raise Canada's profile at the international body.

"I want to put Canada on the map," said London. At present, Canada is the only major fundraising country that does not have an ORT school, but discussions are underway to have an ORT Resource Centre.

London will be working with WOU's new director general, Professor Ellen Isler, the organization's first woman director general.

Delegates from Women's Canadian ORT at the Congress included London, Edie Glazer, first vice-president; Ruth Druxerman and Dorothy Shoichet, both honorary vice-presidents of WOU; Harriet Morton, who was made an honorary vice-president of WOU at the Congress; Carole Moscovitch, executive director of the Montreal region; and Diane Uslander, national executive director.

The Congress confirmed that ORT will be taking on new responsibilities in the 90s. A major focus will be on the retraining, upgrading, re-education of adults. The immigration of 450,000 Russian and Ethiopian olim have made this a priority. During the last academic year, more than 2,000 technicians, engineers and scientists from the former Soviet Union participated in ORT courses.

The delegates also heard keynote speeches from Israel's leading political figures, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who welcomed the delegates.

At the ORT World Union Congress are (from left) an ORT carpentry student at the Kfar Saba Educational Center; the head of the carpentry department; and Lydia London, national president, with Edie Glazer, first vice-president, Women's Canadian ORT.

"The 400,000 ORT graduates in the State of Israel are a living testimony to the achievements of an organization that has raised the banner of technological and scientific education to an unprecedented height," he said.

Since its start in 1880, ORT has become the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technological training in the world. Its 800 schools this year offered over 238,000 students diplomas and degrees in practical applications like computer programming, telecommunications, robotics and engineering design.

Hamilton ORT leader seeking new members

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — What Nancy Katz wants most of all is to get new, younger women to join ORT.

That's her "biggest goal," declares the young mother of six daughters, who was recently installed as president of Hamilton Women's ORT at the annual Mother To Another scholarship luncheon at the home of Gayle and Alex Kepecs.

Katz is hoping to recruit young women in their 20s and 30s. To the suggestion that they may be too busy to join because of their young families, her reply is blunt: "I don't find that an excuse."

Bringing up her own six girls — Kathy, 25, and Amy, 22, from an early first marriage; and Marci, 10, Rebecca, 9, Laura, 7, and Sasha, 6, from her second marriage to lawyer Howard Katz — has never prevented her from being a willing volunteer.

She's a past president of Adas Israel Sisterhood, a former vice-president of the JCC, is involved with a McMaster Medical Centre neonatal support group and has worked for the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and Shalom Village.

Friendly and outgoing, Katz is an energetic young woman who'd rather roll up her sleeves and set to work herself than try and cajole others into doing things they might not even want to do.

"I don't really like being in the limelight," she confesses with a smile. "I'd rather be behind the scenes."

But, she's following in the tradition of her mother-in-law, Sylvia Katz, a dedicated ORT member and former president from whom, she says, "I've learned a lot."

And she also greatly admires her predecessor, Anna Shkolnik. "She should be very proud," says Katz of Shkolnik. "We're all very proud of her."

The 140-member ORT group's most successful event last year was a spa evening and she'd like to do it again this year. But, says Katz, "it's getting harder and harder."

The only event scheduled so far is a tribute dinner on May 1 in honor of Sylvia and Nate Katz, which will take the place of the annual theatre night.

Nancy Katz

SINGLES EVENTS

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Marcia Levine and Jeff Perlmutar present a **Singles Tennis Roundrobin and Dance** on Saturday, August 7 at The Valley Tennis Club, 7015 Leslie St., (north of Steeles). Tennis and dance- non-members $15.00, members $10.00. Dance only, $10.00. Tennis at 7:00pm, dance 8:30pm. Tennis reservations a must. For more information call Marcia, 889-0813.

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VIEWPOINTS, a discussion group for single men/women meets **Tuesday, August 3rd.** Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst. Guest Speaker: **Laurie Pawlitza, Lawyer, Family Law, of Goodman and Carr.** Topic: "Taking Your Lawyer To The Alter". How financial/legal considerations impact on marriage and co-habitation relationships. Discussion follows. $5.00. Refreshments. 7:30pm. Evelyn - 781-9245.

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Organizations and People

Canadian Briefs

Wiesenthal draws young professionals

TORONTO — Though it has been in existence for only a short time, the new leadership group of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre hasn't had much difficulty attracting eager and energetic young professionals, both to its core membership group and its programs.

In the past seven months, the ranks of the new leadership group has grown to about 40 volunteers. Its first major program featured a lecture by Tom Martinez, a former U.S. white supremacist turned anti-racism advocate, which attracted 300 people.

Glen Shear

A second program, which featured Yaron Svoray, an Israeli journalist who infiltrated German neo-Nazi groups, attracted 200. Most of them were under the age of 45.

Glen Shear, co-chair of Toronto's new leadership group, said "people are joining through word of mouth, through the programming and because there is work to be done."

Shear, who has been a volunteer with other community organizations, said the SWC group offers "a terrific opportunity to become actively involved and make a difference."

Sol Littman, head of the SWC's Canadian office, said that over the past seven or eight years, as the centre heightened its profile in the community, a number of young people approached him asking to get involved with its activities.

Alison Cohen, co-chair of the group, said she was attracted to the SWC because of its "commitment to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and exposing anti-Semitism and racism."

Shear and Cohen said they would like to see the group develop anti-racism education programs that will be offered to schools, as well as other outreach programs.

One of the group's standing committees has already gotten its feet wet.

Pam Glass, chair of the committee on media relations, said a series of meetings with representatives of major media outlets has begun. The committee is urging them to present a more balanced approach when covering anti-racism events.

With a variety of Jewish groups adopting an anti-racism portfolio, duplication of activities could easily result. Asked if the group is worried about stepping on the toes of other organizations, Shear said "there is so much that needs to be done, I can't imagine running into each other. If we run into each other, we'll work together."

— **Paul Lungen**

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Calling all seniors

NORTH YORK — A new telephone service will remove the guesswork in determining whether a frail elderly citizen is okay at home.

Care Calls, a computerized calling program, is a 24-hour-a-day program sponsored by Meals on Wheels (North York), the Royal Bank and Maclean Hunter Paging.

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LZA holds convention

TORONTO — Over 100 delegates of the Labour Zionist Alliance of Canada met in Toronto last month to address issues confronting Zionism, Israel and the Diaspora.

The theme of the convention was Proud of Our Yesterdays, Confident in Our Tomorrow. Speakers included Gen. Uzi Narkiss, Prof. Henry Feingold, CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose, Judge Phillip Givens, Winnipeg Yiddish writer Noah Whitman and Jen Green of Habonim.

Feingold, president of the U.S. Labor Zionist Alliance; chair of the Jewish American Historical Society and editor of the recently released five-volume *History of the Jews in America*, presented a lecture entitled A Second Opinion on the Situation of American Jewry. Feingold prefaced his remarks by saying he was unsure if the trends in American Jewry are true for Canadian Jewry, for he was impressed by the manifestations of Jewish cultural life in Canada.

Elections were held at the convention with Josef Krystal succeeding David Kofsky as president. Kofsky will continue to serve as immediate past president. Other leadership includes treasurer Norman Kopelman, vice-presidents Julius Sokoloff and Harry Froimovitch and Moishe Weingarten as secretary.

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Noseworthy leaves Hamilton Hadassah

HAMILTON — For 28 of the 30 years that she has been a member, Shirley Noseworthy has been Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO's executive secretary-treasurer.

But when she recently retired, the well-deserved tribute accorded her at the Hadassah-WIZO closing dinner was to the entire family.

Because throughout all those years, for the Noseworthys, Hadassah-WIZO has been a family affair.

Husband Andy, a proud life associate, helped with mailings, did the shlepping for the bazaars and the repairs to donated small appliances. And because Shirley has suffered from poor eyesight all her life, he is also her driver.

Eldest daughter, Shiran, has served as executive secretary for the past 18 years besides taking on numerous additional duties.

Younger daughter, Gail Blackman, one of the founders of Hatikvah chapter, now lives in Thornhill but still comes in every year to help at the bazaar.

All, of course, assist in the office, counting proceeds from the bazaars.

From the very start, said Shirley, Andy and the girls have taken part in whatever volunteer activity she was involved, whether for Hadassah-WIZO, JNF or some other organization.

Her most important task, she remarked, has always been "to know where the money goes and to try and do everything to save pennies," knowing above all, that "all the money was going to Israel."

Looking back over those years, Shirley can't think of any one year that stands out more than another. And if there was one president or executive more effective than another, she's not telling.

In all her years as secretary-treasurer, Shirley doubts "if I have missed more than 10 meetings." But now, after 28 years? "That's it!"

So what's she going to do now? Clear her office out of the basement so that Andy can at last have his workshop, smiles Shirley.

— **Moura Wolpert**

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Schwartz gets CDA award

TORONTO — The Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) recently presented an Appreciation Award to Esther Schwartz "for her significant voluntary support in the fight against diabetes." Schwartz is a former home economics teacher who appears on radio and television.

The presentation was made by CDA board member Judy Tranter at the annual Toronto chapter meeting held recently at the Radisson Hotel. "The recipient has provided the inspiration for the Jewish Chapter," Tranter said. "She recognized the need to address the dietary concerns of the Jewish person with diabetes."

Esther Schwartz

Schwartz, who is the kosher food consultant to the COR Kashruth Council of Toronto and a well-known cooking demonstrator and speaker, was diagnosed with diabetes in 1982. After attending local CDA meetings, she became aware of the need to create a support group for Jews affected with diabetes and their caregivers. In 1985, she founded the group which became a CDA chapter in 1987.

The Jewish Chapter meets every second month. It was established to educate the community about diabetes, provide a service beyond the doctor's office, provide a support network and help with special laws.

Recently installed as president of Club Mesada of Na'amat, Schwartz is presently working on a cookbook with three dieticians which will include diabetic selections.

Schwartz told *The CJN* that the next meeting of the Jewish Chapter will take place on Monday evening, Sept. 20 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The featured speaker will be Anna Brundage, a nurse who is the coordinator of the Diabetes Education Centre at North York Branson Hospital. Brundage's topic will be Coping with Diabetes on a Daily Basis.

— **Cynthia Gasner**

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Berle plays to non-Jewish group

TORONTO —For the first time in his career, musician Bill Berle played before a non-Jewish audience who knew the Hebrew words and sang along with the choir.

The occasion was a recent concert at the Canada Christian College sponsored by the Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. A total of $2,000 was raised at the concert in aid of the embassy's on-going world wide campaign to help finance the exodus of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

— **Ben Rose**

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Organizations and People

Network to press for Zundel charges

TORONTO — Success!

The North American Jewish Students' Network — Canada has finally succeeded in arranging a meeting with an official in Ontario's Attorney General's department to discuss laying charges against pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel.

Last week, students representing Network staged their third sit-in in two months in the office of Attorney General Marion Boyd to protest Ontario's inaction in the Zundel matter.

This time, though, they hit pay dirt. By the end of the protest, Talia Klein, Network's national chair, was able to arrange a meeting with Deputy Attorney General George Thomson.

Zundel was twice convicted of spreading false news about the Holocaust. The Supreme Court of Canada last year quashed the conviction, saying the false news section of the Criminal Code violated freedom of speech.

Zundel has a militant following of neo-Nazi groups like the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator, Network says.

The meeting is scheduled for Aug. 5.

Network plans to press Thomson to lay hate propaganda charges against Zundel.

Last March, the Ontario Provincial Police said it would not lay hate charges against Zundel, a move that disappointed Jewish groups.

Sarah Herman, a resident of Baycrest Terrace, takes a picture of 4-year-old Adam Saadia as he poses near Baycrest.

'Truth squad' launched to fight against revisionists

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —The Simon Wiesenthal Centre last week announced the creation of a committee that will oppose "revisionists" who deny the existence of the Holocaust.

Wiesenthal Centre spokesman Sol Littman said the committee will comprise a "truth squad" that will challenge the assertions of revisionists who use denial of the Holocaust as a primary weapon in their attack on the Jews.

The task force is aimed primarily at those, like history writer David Irving, who seek "the cloak of respectability" and legitimacy while denying the Holocaust, Littman said.

The truth squad will identify and monitor these individuals and groups and answer them when they get public attention. The committee will also put together educational programs that will be made available to the media, to university students and schools so as "to nip the problem in the bud rather than constantly chasing it," Littman said.

The task force consists of historians, sociologists, clergymen, psychiatrists, psychologists and lawyers.

One of the group's first projects will be to prepare for a presentation on Holocaust-denial, to be delivered to the annual conference of the Canadian University Press in Regina next winter, Littman said.

Dr. Vivian Rakoff of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry said Holocaust deniers rely on the passage of time and the lapse of human memory to press their attack on Jews. Those who deny the Holocaust carry the "implicit message that maybe it should have," he said.

"This is not a debate, this is a calumny" that can trace its roots back centuries, Rakoff said.

Frances Henry, a professor of anthropology at York University, said Holocaust denial "is only one facet of racism in society." Jew-hatred goes hand in hand with prejudice against blacks and is the hallmark of those who believe in white racial superiority, she said.

These extremists pose a grave danger to society's wellbeing, she added.

Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba gave her support to the task force and announced the government has presented it with a cheque for $22,000.

Littman said the group's budget will be about $100,000.

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Solicitor General David Christopherson announced last week that Ontario police forces would be given guidelines to help them take a more aggressive stance in investigating hate crimes and hate propaganda.

The guidelines suggest that police departments develop written procedures for investigating hate crimes and are designed to assist them in determining whether a crime was motivated by hate.

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights applauded the announcement. "These guidelines are an important first step in the setting-up of province wide coordination and awareness among police forces of the growing problem of racially motivated crimes," said Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chair of the League.

Gerda Frieberg, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region, said "this action is one more step in the initiatives that must continue to be taken by governments, police and municipal race relations committees."

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Congress, said "these guidelines [should] encourage police and crown attorneys to more aggressively use the anti-hate law sections of the Criminal Code."

Photo project unites young, old

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — A new interest in photography is bringing together seniors and small children in a summer project celebrating Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care's 75th anniversary.

Eight seniors, the oldest of whom is 91, have been paired with eight children from the on-site Esther Exton Child Care Centre for the 13-week program coordinated by Baycrest recreationist Mara Swartz.

The program emphasizes close communication, sharing and co-operation. It is also yielding "phenomenal" pictures, says Swartz. The best ones will be mounted in a permanent display at Baycrest.

Both junior and senior photographers, who take turns using point-and-shoot 35 mm cameras donated by Fuji, are receiving pointers from Bob Carnie of Image Nation (photo processors) and children's photographer Rhonda Flatt, who have volunteered their services. The program amounts to "an actual course in photography," said Swartz.

The photo sessions are held either at Baycrest or at places such as Yorkdale, Woodbine Centre and the Royal Ontario Museum. Each pair is accompanied by a hand-picked volunteer to facilitate communication between junior and senior photographers and to ensure their safety.

"We're trying to let them see the environment in a different way," said Swartz.

"At first we took whatever came along," confirmed 84-year-old Ida Farber, a Baycrest Hospital resident who suffered a stroke several years ago. "We said, 'That will do.' Now we try for the subject of the moment — lines and bars and things like that. You really look at things with a different light."

The seniors include two residents each from the Baycrest Centre, Baycrest Hospital and Baycrest Terrace. One participant has Alzheimer's disease and at least one has suffered a stroke. The children range in age from 3½ to 5½.

Farber's partner, Julia Singer, is 4¾ years old. "Do we have lots of fun?" Farber asks her enthusiastically. "Yes!" says Julia.

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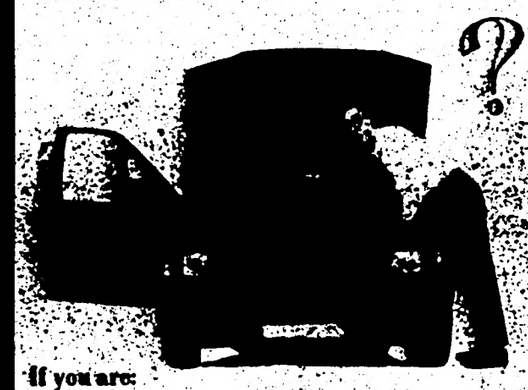

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Arts

Communism's 'noble' days are relived in Lipshitz book

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — In a time when memories of the tensions of the Cold War and the horrors of the Soviet gulag are still fresh, it is sometimes hard to remember that, at its birth, communism was hailed as a panacea, especially by many Jews.

It was seen, as Manya Lipshitz says in her recently published book *Time Remembered* as "a cause that appeared at the time to be noble, and a movement that was considered the torch bearer of ideals."

The disillusionment of those early believers makes this book, originally published in Yiddish, unbearably poignant.

Escaping from the poverty, illness and strife that permeated the major Russian cities during the years of the Revolution, Lipshitz found herself in a children's commune near Vitebsk.

Together with their teachers, who appear to have been not appreciably older than their charges, the children organized themselves to run the commune, cook, clean, clothe everybody and even establish an educational system.

"It was not an orphanage ... It had a new form of socialist education, under which 30 friends eight to 15 years-old lived together. Even the teachers were not supervisors, but simply older friends with more experience, and therefore able to help us when necessary. We were completely independent, responsible for our own lives, which we ourselves were shaping."

Through her journals, we get a sense of the excitement of creating a flourishing Yiddish culture, with schools, trained teachers, and a vibrant body of literature.

In 1926, she joined her family in Canada, and, together with her new husband, well-known Toronto Yiddishist Sam Lipshitz, was active in the Canadian Communist party.

She tells an amusing tale of her marriage to Lipshitz. It seems that they planned to marry according to the atheistic philosophy of Communism. Her brothers, however, had other ideas, and secretly arranged for them to be married under a chuppah.

When the couple were castigated by the Executive Committee of the Communist Youth Organization for their "unbecoming conduct," Sam apologized with the words "I acknowledge that I made a mistake and I promise that I shall never do this [marry in a religious ceremony] again...And Sam never did."

Time Remembered also chronicles the gradual disillusionment with the Soviet Communist party, beginning with concern over the treatment and show trials of Jews during the 1930s, the Hitler-Stalin non-aggression pact, and finally, the revelations of anti-Semitism and Stalinistic atrocities at the 1956 Communist party congress.

The book is enhanced by short articles by J.B. Salsberg and Hersh Smolar, and touching, poetic and often funny literary essays and poems written by children of the communes.

Time Remembered is an important and well-done look at a time and a culture that was rich in texture and, especially, in hope.

Rare theatrical jewel of a play

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK — Let the word go out that *She Loves Me* is a rare theatrical jewel, an intimate musical that is so unabashedly romantic, so charming, that you can unhesitatingly count on leaving the theatre with a full and happy heart.

A cult classic among theatre professionals, this refreshing revival was assembled by three talented Jewish-Americans: composer Jerry Bock, lyricist Sheldon Harnick (*Fiorello* and *Fiddler On The Roof*) and book writer Joe Masteroff.

The story is based upon Ernst Lubitch's 1940 Hollywood film *The Shop Around The Corner* which in turn was inspired by the Hungarian play *Parfumerie* by Miklos Laszlo.

She Loves Me is a musical about two people who, through an exchange of letters, fall in love. Unbeknownst to them, they happen to work side by side in a 1930 Budapest cosmetic shop, where they bicker constantly.

Since the fairy tale mood is so important in *She Loves Me*, much depends on the acting and singing of Boyd Gaines and Judy Kuhn as the young lovers. They are simply wonderful. The talented Kuhn conveys in glorious voice the shop girl's swift pulse of love in a number called *Ice Cream*.

The lovers are strongly supported by Sally Moyes (Ilona) and Howard McGillin (the shop Don Juan), a comic couple who have loved each other and find dislike setting in. These two garner most of the laughs.

The songs of Bock and Harnick not only capture the enchantment and spirit of the story, but also add a magical dimension to this romantic tale set in old Budapest. This is a vastly underrated American musical theatre score and is a constant joy.

The principal point of this quiet melodic story, cleverly staged by Scott Ellis, is that love will find a way, and there is an overabundance of undefeatable romantics out there who will buy that ticket. You should too.

She Loves Me is appearing for an indefinite run at Roundabout Theatre Company, 1530 Broadway at 45th. For tickets call (212) 869-8400.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

A Place Among The Nations, by Benjamin Netanyahu (Bantam Books, $29.50)

Young, articulate, handsome, Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's deputy minister during the Gulf War and its former ambassador to the United Nations, is a powerful force in the Likud party. He could well become Isreal's next Prime Minister. So what he believes about Israel's relationship with the Arab world and the possibilities for eventual peace — as well as many kindred matters — is of more than casual interest.

He poses a basic question: How is it that tiny Israel, only 40 miles wide including the West Bank, should be the target of such unremitting hatred by an Arab world five hundred times its size, as well as by a considerable portion of Western nations?

He maintains that Israel, understandably and properly, lives in fear of some of its belligerent neighbors. "If Saddam's continuing quest for a nuclear capability were ever to succeed, it would be the first time in history that a nuclear weapon could be launched on the decision of a single individual, without the moderating and restraining influence of any scientific, political, or military echelons, who were actually willing or able to voice disapproval." This threat to Israel includes the possibility of nuclear weapons falling into the hands of Syria or Iran.

He argues persuasively that Israel must retain all the territory that was won in the 1967 war. It would be foolish and perhaps even catastrophic to relinquish control of Judea and Samaria. He is blunt in asserting the Likud policy. "Given the specifics of the West Bank, the slogan 'land for peace' is singularly inappropriate: To achieve a sustainable peace, Israel must maintain a credible deterrent long enough to effect a lasting change in Arab attitudes. It is precisely Israel's control of this strategic territory that has deterred all-out war and has made eventual peace more likely."

He argues that the evacuation of the West Bank would not mean the end of Arab demands; they would continue to fight for eastern Jerusalem and autonomy for the Arabs of the Galilee and the Negev.

In suggesting a peace plan he proposes a system of four self-managing Arab countries: Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron. Together they encompass the majority of the West Bank's Arab population, but would take up no more than one-fifth of the land. These countries would provide an opportunity for Arab residents to build their society as they see fit. "It would constitute the largest scale experiment with democracy ever conducted in the Arab world," Netanyahu writes. This plan would permit Israel to maintain control over such vital matters as security and water.

A strong advocate of more effective Israeli public relations, he deplores the recent action of the Labor government in expelling 400 Hamas Islamic fundamentalists without taking into account the adverse public relations disaster that ensued when the deportees encamped themselves on a hillside near Israel's border before the eager cameras of the world.

Five years in the writing, *A Place Among the Nations* is a stimulating, often eloquent and forceful history of Zionism and Israel's current problems from a partisan point of view. It is filled, however, with useful and necessary ideas and much background information which makes it more than a routine political effort. It deserves a wide readership.

Leftovers is comedy plus

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —He: "Honey, I'm leaving you. You're impossible to live with."

She: "Tell me something new. I've been living with myself for years."

This is the quirky humor of Liza Balkan, a member of the family that ran the famous Balkan restaurant in Montreal for years.

In her one-woman show *Leftovers* at the Fringe Festival, Balkan said: "One phone call from my mother, and there goes seven years of therapy."

Though *Leftovers* is a comedy, the actress takes time out to pay a serious tribute to her father, the late Bill Balkan, who became head of personnel at the CN Tower in Toronto after giving up the resaurant business.

Liza left for New York in 1978 and took a three-year program at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, a prelude to eight years of work in regional theatre in the United States, including the national tour of *West Side Story*.

Her style of show is reminiscent of Sandra Shamus though it has more of Jewish angst in it. For example, she tells of a visit to hospital to see her ailing grandmother, a wizened up little woman barely able to move her lips. "How are you grandma," I asked. "There was a long silence. Then she opened her eyes, waved me closer, and said, 'What do you want out of life?' "

Though she has had a lot of work as a singer and dancer, including 18 months in *Cats* in Toronto, Balkan does not eschew straight dramatic roles and at the Sudbury Little Theatre performed in *Toronto, Mississippi* and *My Country's Good*. Sudbury was also the locale of her role as Chava, the youngest daughter in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

In Toronto's recent hot spell, Balkan said she knew she was in for a bad day because by the time she got on the subway, "a chunk of mascara was attached to my contact lens."

She was an original cast member of *Chutzpah a go go* and particularly liked the part because it reacquainted her with Yiddish words she hadn't heard for years.

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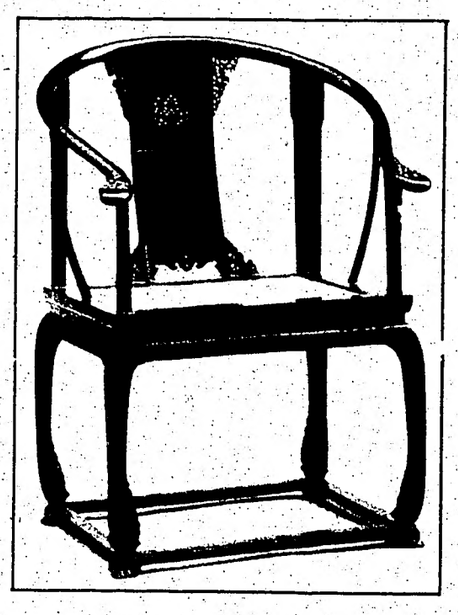

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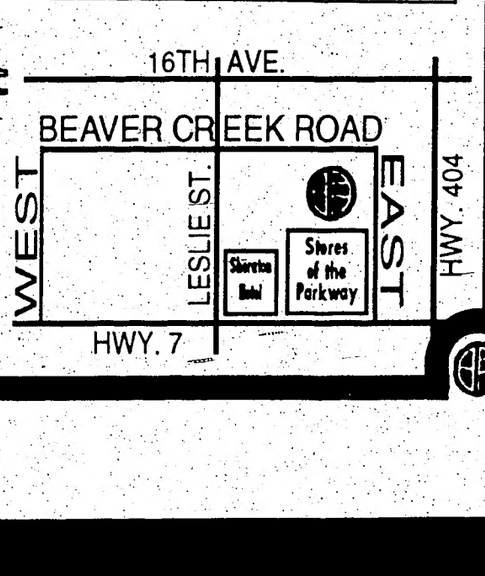

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Fishman returns to the stage

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Eva Fishman is a veteran trouper who believes the show must go on.

Though she suffered a stroke two weeks after her last show a year ago, Fishman is once again leading her *Eva Fishman Show*onto the Skylight Theatre Stage in Earl Bales Park Monday, August 2 at 7 p.m. Free tickets are at the box office starting at 6 p.m.

"The stroke affected my left hand and leg. I have to pull my leg along and my hand hangs limp, but my voice is all right, even though I squeak a little," she says.

This will be her first performance since the stroke, but she is undaunted and plans to sing her usual array of Yiddish songs: "*Don't Cry for Me, Argentina*," she told *The CJN* interviewer.

In addition to her own illness, Fishman has had to put her husband, well-known orchestra leader Moshe Turk, into the Queen Elizabeth chronic hospital. He will not join her on stage, as he has so many other years. But members of his orchestra will be on hand.

Fishman makes light of her disability, saying, "I'll still have my right hand to throw kisses to the crowd." As in other years, she promises to wear "fantastic" gowns.

Her career spans a lifetime in the Jewish community, starting with the *Harry Harris Jewish Radio Hour* on Hamilton's CHML, and going on to appearances at the Standard Theatre on Spadina Avenue and to shows on the *Mosaic* program on CITY-TV.

She worked as a cashier for many years at Loew's Uptown and Loew's Downtown theatres.

Once an ardent admirer, fearing her TV program would be cancelled, sent $200 in crisp new bills to the TV station to help to keep it going. The show did go on, but the $200 was sent to the Hebrew Club for the Blind.

"I was married to Moshe Turk in 1944," she recalls. "He helped my career tremendously, even threatening to fire a well-known Jewish singer if he carried out his threat of not singing with me in a duet in a concert at the Royal York Hotel. After that duet, my career took off."

Fishman has entertained many senior citizen groups and always without pay.

Others appearing in her show are emcee Vlad Handera, the Barvinok Ukrainian dancers and singer Arnie Wisken.

Taming of the Shrew on tap

TORONTO — The Shakespeare tradition carries on at the Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park this summer with performances of *The Taming of the Shrew* running until Aug. 8 in the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Tuesdays through Sundays at 8.15 p.m. Free admission. For information call 392-3846.

The production stars John Evans and Maria Ricossa and is directed by John Bourgeois.

In the Theatre's Summer Festival, the Paula Moreno Spanish Dance Company entertains Thursday, Aug. 12, the North York Symphony, Friday, Aug. 13 and there is a progam of Oriental music and dance with Joanna Das and the Muticultural Dance Organization, Saturday, Aug. 14.

All festival performances are free except for a special fundraising night Monday, Aug. 16 with the National Ballet of Canada, $12 for adults, $7 for seniors and children.

Culture clash revealed in TV show

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Outsiders invariably regard Chassidic Jews as strange and otherworldly. Certainly, their outward appearance and uncompromising fidelity to age-old customs have raised eyebrows, if not inter-group tension, in Outremont — the predominantly francophone district in Montreal where they're increasingly visible.

The francophones, in short, react to the Chassidim with a mixture of curiosity, distrust, dislike and perhaps frustration.

Garry Beitel, a Montreal filmmaker from a secular but traditional Jewish home, wondered why their presence inspires such a sense of unease. Personally, he's ambivalent. While he admires their pride, he is less than keen about their anachronistic lifestyle or their indifference to others.

In *Bonjour! Shalom!* Beitel takes a closer look at this closed, self-sustaining, little understood community. TVOntario will broadcast this illuminating 60-minute documentary on August 5 at 9 p.m.

The long and short of it is that the two groups cannot find common ground, despite Beitel's final plea for tolerance. Most francophones interviewed in *Bonjour! Shalom!* recoil from the Chassidim, while the Chassidim prefer to keep to themselves.

Chassidic city

The francophones generally think that the Chassidim are encroaching on their "territory" and may eventually displace them. They fear their high birthrate. Chassidic families have an average of nine children, according to Beitel's statistics. They believe that as the Chassidim grow, they will build yet more synagogues and destroy the spirit of the francophone community.

Indeed, the francophones are concerned that Outremont will be transformed into a Chassidic city, if not a ghetto.

But, of course, there are francophones, albeit a minority, who are open to the Chassidim and consider negative publicity about them racist and xenophobic.

In canvassing the views of the Chassidim, Beitel visits their homes, schools, synagogues, bakeries and shops. He learns that the Chassidim, some of whom belong to the anti-Zionist Satmar sect, just want to be left alone. One spokesman says his people desire isolation from the "evils" of the 20th century. He doesn't want his children to play with non-Jews because they may be exposed to television and non-kosher food.

Bonjour!Shalom! does not uncover new ground, though it is unfailingly interesting. No one will be surprised that the Chassidim crave insularity. Chassidic communities have cultivated separateness and distinctiveness for hundreds of years. And in Outremont, they have no intention of suddenly changing.

Eye on Arts

Cellist Ofra Harnoy will perform in a free concert at Nathan Phillips Square August 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is part of the Wish You Were Here concert series which presents extraordinary women in concert over four Thursday evenings. Admission is free to all events.

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The Kfar Saba Youth Orchestra is scheduled to visit Toronto during their 1993 North American tour. The brass orchestra is comprised of 45 Israeli boys and girls, ages 14-17. Their repertoire includes classical and light music, marches, folksongs and popular Israeli music.

The orchestra will be in the Toronto area August 2-8, where they will be billeted by local Jewish families. Performances are scheduled at Baycrest Centre on August 3 at 10:30 a.m., North York City Hall August 5 at noon, and the Leah Posluns Theatre August 5 at 8 p.m. The orchestra is also scheduled to appear on City TV's *Breakfast Television*.

The Toronto appearances are sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Israel Government Tourist Authority, the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto and the Jewish Student's Network.

If you are interested in billeting members of the orchestra or if you require concert information, call 783-1165 or 636-7655.

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

As **The CJN** is not going to publish next week (Thank God this is the last week we miss until December) I thought I'd better catch you up on a few things going on.

First of all, some light news from the **Israel Government Tourist Office.** You've heard me talk about the great job everyone does over there when it comes to promoting **Israel,** and no-one has done it more over the years from that office than **Ellen 'Marvelous' Melman who recently celebrated her "bar mitzvah" with IGTO.**

Now before you all write to tell me I made a mistake, that **Ellen** is a woman and I should have said "bat mitzvah", I'm just using it to tell you that she's been doing a superb job for 13 years. Congratulations to **Ellen.**

But there's more and it concerns none other than another stalwart of the **IGTO,** a name you've all come to know from this column, **'Delightful' Debbie Vadas,** who on June 24 at 10:50 p.m. gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter. Both mom and daughter are doing fine.

Unfortunately, and much to my disappointment, **DD** did not incorporate my name into her daughter's, opting instead to call her **Jordyn Shira.** A lovely name, I admit, but **Lenora** or **Jocelen** I think, would have had a nice ring to it. Maybe next time. Mazel tov to **DD.**

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Canada's Employment and Immigration has announced that holders of the orange Israeli **Travel Document in Lieu of National Passport** travelling to **Canada** will now require a visa to visit here. This document is issued to new **Israeli** citizens during their first year in **Israel** rather than the regular **Israeli** passport.

This visa requirement will not affect or inconvenience citizens of **Israel** travelling on a regular **Israeli** passport who come to visit **Canada.** That passport continues to be visa exempt.

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Received a letter from **Dr. Julius Pfeiffer** of **Montreal** telling me about his recent trip to **Puerto Vallarta** in **Mexico.**

Rather than telling me about what a wonderful place it is (and it is) or the great time he had (which he did) he wanted our readers to know of, and I quote, "new watering places outside the well-published **Canadian-U.S.** zone, where they can spend their vacations living kosher."

He said he discovered an ample supply of kosher items in the Super-mercado of **Gutterez-Riso** in old **Vallarta.**

Here are some of his findings: sausages and cold cuts from **Empire Chicken** and **Sinai; Vita's** cheese-cum-salmon and the well-known herring; **Rich's** chocolate cake; onion and pumpernickel water-baked bagels; parve bacon imitation from **Morningstar; Streits** soup mandels; **Telma** Israeli soups.

Some items, says the good doctor, are hard to find as they are not grouped into a kosher section, but in individual sections. He also found, at **Gloria's Beach,** franks from **Empire, Maccabi** pizza, blintzes, and a fish product called **Kosherriffic.**

He ended his letter with: "I enjoyed my vacation very much. Surrounded by droves of mini-bikini clad alluring beauties, it was not easy to ward off un-kosher temptations."

Sounds like he had a fun time.

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Two American-born women are offering families who want to celebrate in Jerusalem the benefit of their combined 23 years in Israel battling bureaucracy and saving money.

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To the surprise of many **North Americans,** the most elaborate kosher ballroom affairs cost only $40 per person. A restaurant buffet opposite the Old City or at a hotel poolside cost $22 per person, while a buffet brunch may cost as little as $12. A bar/bat mitzvah weekend at a kibbutz can also be a reasonably priced option.

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Travel bug hitting Canadians in big way

TORONTO — Canadians are going places and took almost 22 million trips abroad in 1992, quotes Statistics Canada. With more people touring the globe and current political climates opening the doors for travel opportunities, being well informed and prepared for your trip is essential. International travel, especially to tropical destinations, requires much more than just updating your passport and booking your flight.

When planning your trip, find out about the immunization and visa requirements of your destination, the embassies nearest to where you'll be staying and English speaking doctors in the area. Ask your travel agent and your physician. You'll want practical information like what kind of weather you should expect, how safe the food and water are and what kind of insects you'll have to deal with. You should be well aware and informed of any diseases or epidemics that you'll be exposing yourself to. This determines what shots you will need before leaving and it also lets you know what to watch out for on your trip.

"The last thing you want to do when travelling is ruin your vacations by getting sick," says Dr. Catherine McNally from St. Michael's Hospital Travel Counselling and Immunization Clinic in Toronto. Before you leave, there are some medical concerns to take care of. If you haven't had your annual check-up and are planning an extended vacation, a visit to your family doctor and a dental check-up are recommended.

Have your doctor write a letter describing any prescriptions you may be taking to save yourself problems at borders and airports. Also ensure that you have a full prescription as well as an extra set of glasses or contact lenses.

Another health concern is medical insurance. You'll want to ensure that you're covered in the event you run into troubles on your vacation. There are several packages designed specifically for travellers, and organizations set up to provide travellers with information on health and safety in foreign countries. Check this out when doing your research.

The Travel Counselling and Immunization Service works in partnership with the International Society of Travel Medicine to provide patients with current publications on travel and disease.

The Travel Clinic is open on Monday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visits are by appointments only. For an appointment call (416) 867-7425.

Israel hiking guide informative

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel may be small, but it's blessed with an amazing variety of terrain, from dense woodlands in the Galilee to sparse desert in the Negev.

For a hiker, then, Israel is the place to be. And no one knows that better than Joel Roskin, an American who's lived in Israel since 1979.

A confirmed nature lover, Roskin has explored Israel like few others, and his book, *A Guide to Hiking in Israel* (The Jerusalem Post, no price listed), is most informative.

Perhaps the only book of its kind in English, this handy guide opens the door to 40 one-day hikes on the Golan Heights (annexed by Israel in 1981), the Galilee, the Carmel, Judea, the Judean Desert and the Eilat mountains.

Relevant information pertaining to geography, climate, vegetation, wildlife and water are listed in each chapter.

And Roskin describes each of his hiking trips down to the last detail.

Since there is no drinking water along most routes, he strongly suggests that you bring your own supply.

As well, he recommends frequent rest stops, given Israel's warm climate.

As some of the routes pass close to live marked minefields, he warns a reader to exercise caution.

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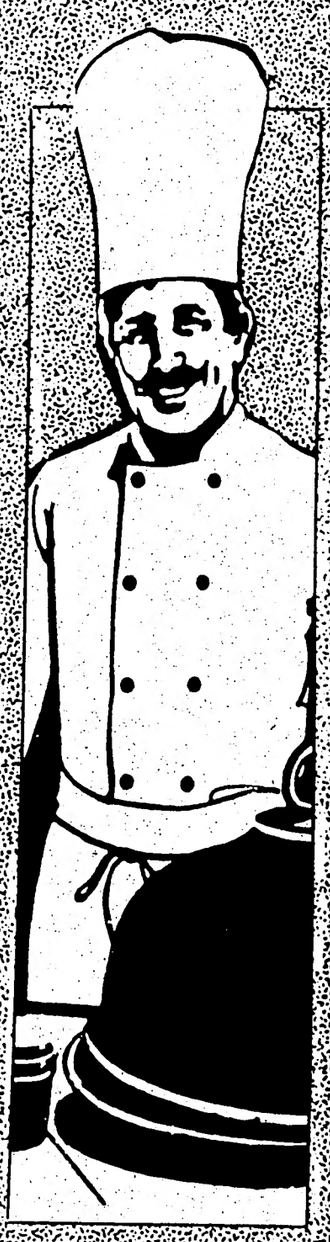

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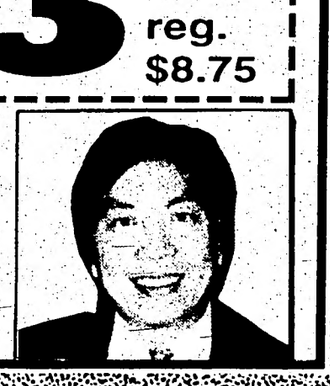

Business & Finance

Pen can detect counterfeit money

By ANITA GOTTESMAN

MONTREAL — At a time when even the local convenience store has a hidden camera rolling 24 hours a day, the last hurdle to cross for the small or large business is detecting counterfeit cash.

Montreal has long been the counterfeit capital of Canada with Toronto and Vancouver running close behind. Now a new product can detect counterfeit currency, all in the stroke of a pen.

"Given the bad economic times combined with a little greed, counterfeiting is on the rise," says Janet Tatransky, national sales and marketing director of Hamilton-based International Business Development Corp., manufacturer of the product.

A thin pen which looks like an ordinary felt marker does the trick. The pen contains a chemical compound which reacts with the paper used for U.S. currency and other foreign bills. This is the only pen on the market that is manufactured in Canada and works on all foreign currency.

The effect is dazzling. A simple touch of the pen leaves a faint, almost invisible, yellow mark that won't deface the bill and immediately attests to its authenticity. A black dot indicates the currency is suspect.

"This is a fool-proof, fast and easy method of fraud identification," stresses Tatransky. A counterfeit detection booklet is available through the RCMP but studying the methods can be tedious. Also with the high rate of employee turnover, many employees could miss out on this aspect of retailing. Using the detector pen is quick and easy and will not embarrass the customer or the sales person, says Tatransky.

A former Montrealer, Tatransky spent more than 10 years as a fraud and security investigator and knew it was time to launch this item. "Anybody that handles U.S. currency is a potential victim," says Tatransky. "Shopkeepers are always eager to accept U.S. cash and now even more readily than before because of our recessionary times."

The pen sells for less than $20 (all taxes included) with discounts for volume orders. One pen is good for testing 5,000 bills and has a shelf life of three years. IBDC clients include major banks, retailers, hotels and fast food companies as well as small corner convenient stores. "For a minimal investment, the returns can really pay off if fraudulent currency is detected," says Tatransky.

The pen's only drawback is that it does not work on Canadian currency. The paper Canadian money is printed on doesn't contain the acid to which the pen reacts.

Tatransky says that IBDC is about to market a "counterfeit detector" which will work on Canadian bills as well as detecting fraudulent credit cards, company checks, retail receipts and sensitive documents, including passports.

For more information, contact Janet Tatransky at 416-785-2080 or 416-679-0336, or fax 416-785-2110. You may also write IBDC at Lawrence Plaza, P.O. Box 54022, Toronto, Ont. M6A 3B7.

Janet Tatransky displays pen used to detect counterfeit bills.

B.C. leads in realty prices

TORONTO — There is still a west/east split in Canada, says Royal LePage, with stronger real estate markets and increasing prices in Western Canada, and generally weaker markets and declining or flat prices in the East. But a close reading of the company's summer 1993 *Survey of Canadian House Prices* suggests this geographic imbalance is beginning to change.

As has been the case for many months, locations throughout British Columbia are retaining their positions as the most active resale housing markets in Canada.

According to the survey, year-over-year increases in selling prices on B.C.'s lower mainland continue to be the highest in Canada. In some cases, prices have inflated by more than 30 percent. Throughout the rest of the province, prices of resale homes have moved ahead over the last three months and year-over-year double-digit price increases are common.

Royal LePage senior vice-president Gino Romanese suggests there are early signs that things may be changing.

"While resale housing in British Columbia generally still is a sellers' market, demand is slowing for more expensive properties as buyers show resistance to higher prices," he says. "Signs of impending change are even stronger in Vancouver. In Vancouver Westside, all seven property categories we survey registered slight price declines over the past three months. And in North Vancouver, prices for all housing categories have remained stable since April."

In Alberta, a welcome rebound in sales in Calgary is having a positive impact on house prices. The survey notes that the median price of a three-bedroom bungalow in the Calgary area has increased by $2,500 over the past three months, to $135,500. This is only 1.1 percent behind the level of $137,000 a year ago.

Across the Prairies, house prices are increasing marginally, especially for more affordable properties, as consumer confidence continues to slowly recover.

House prices in Eastern Canada generally are becoming more stable following months of declines in many areas. This reflects a "greater awareness of fair market value on the part of buyers and sellers," says Romanese.

In Montreal, lower priced properties ranging from $110,000 to $150,000 continue to be active and this is bringing greater stability to house prices.

Demand is outpacing supply for lower-priced, affordable properties in several centres in the Atlantic Provinces, producing modest increases in house prices. In Newfoundland, high unemployment and job security continue to hinder market activity and erode house prices.

Toronto seeing stabilizing trend

TORONTO — The downward movement in prices in Toronto's resale housing market continues, but more stable conditions are beginning to appear in a number of areas. As well, some prices have increased over the past three months.

This information is contained in the summer 1993 issue of the Royal LePage *Survey of Canadian House Prices*. According to Royal LePage senior vice-president Berne Vogt, positive price movements are in the minority, but they suggest there is a greater awareness of "fair market value" on the part of buyers and sellers.

Survey statistics indicate a number of areas within Toronto where house prices appear to have stabilized. For example, all seven categories of housing surveyed in Pickering, Don Mills - East and Thornhill have been stable since April. A small number of price increases are also noted. In Don Mills - West, for example, four of five housing categories show minor price gains.

Despite these positive examples, price declines predominate in the market on a year-over-year basis. As examples, the median price of a three-bedroom bungalow in the Toronto area is now $200,000, down five percent from last year, and four-bedroom executive homes have dropped 2.7 percent to $270,000.

It comes as no surprise that prices for condominiums continue to suffer, given the oversupply across the market. Since July, 1992, the median price of a standard two-bedroom condominium apartment has dropped more than 10 percent to $115,000.

"There's no doubt that it's still very much a buyers' market, says Vogt. "Given our lacklustre economy, and the level of job concerns that now has been intensified by the provincial government's social contract demands, there's no wonder there is a lack of urgency on the part of buyers. Wait-and-see is definitely the name of the game and this attitude will predominate until consumers hear more positive economic news."

Vogt says lower-priced properties continue to be more attractive to buyers and hence have not suffered the same degree of price erosion as higher-priced homes. "Market statistics for May show that 80 percent of sales are under $250,000 and 60 percent are under $200,000."

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Shoppers struts its stuff

TORONTO — The new Shoppers Drug Mart #949 presides over one of the busiest intersections in the city's core [King and Yonge] at the hub of its cultural and financial districts. Down King Street is the venerable King Edward Hotel; up Yonge is *Phantom of the Opera*; around one corner is the famous St. Lawrence Market; and skyscrapers loom overhead.

The 9,200-sq. ft. Shoppers Drug Mart holds its own among such notable neighbors. It occupies a handsome, 80-year-old heritage building that commands frontage on both King and Yonge Streets (a bank was its previous tenant). It is two storeys high — a first in the SDM franchise — with windows so large the store's entire interior is flooded with natural light.

"Other downtown drugstores are like mousetraps, with tiny aisles and in the [subway concourse]," says co-associate Michael Lovsin. "We're gambling on giving shoppers a [street-level] 'open-look' store, clean and bright instead of dark and dingy."

The results already speak for themselves. Since its March opening, customer traffic has reached about 10,000 a week. The average transaction is already about $11, inching toward the chain's average of between $12 and $13. The two-year goal is between $15 and $16, a target partly attained through the aggressive promotion of such high-margin cosmetics as Lancome, Ultima II, Vichy, and Biotherm.

"What we tried to do in the month of April is isolate where our market is," says Lovsin. Women account for 60 to 75 percent of the store's clientele, and Lovsin says they range in occupation from secretary to senior executive.

"Saturday and Sunday, we have a different opportunity. There are high-priced condominiums in the area, people with money — and that's what we're going to try to access," he says with enthusiasm. A future marketing strategy includes handing out Life and Rialto private-label baskets to neighboring hotel managers to attract the tourist industry. The leadership of this store is another first for Shoppers Drug Mart — it's the first with two co-associates. Lovsin is the frontshop manager, and Felicity Lee-Shanok the chief pharmacist.

"Legally, I am still the sole director," says Lee-Shanok. "But [Michael and I] are equal partners in the running of the store, and in profits."

Lovsin confesses there's a distinct new spring to his step since joining Lee-Shanok at the helm. "My job hasn't really changed, but now I get the recognition," he says — while Lee-Shanok is thrilled to be able to concentrate on the dispensary.

But she doubts many other pharmacists would have gone for this arrangement. Most are tied to the tradition (and, often, licencing requirement) that the pharmacist is 'boss.' "Lots of pharmacists need a manager to operate the frontshop, but don't recognize it."

The division of responsibility makes it easy to manage respective staff, though total staff meetings are planned at least quarterly. Lovsin and Lee-Shanok meet once a week, usually at a nearby coffee shop to avoid distractions. Lee-Shanok describes the partnership as being "like a marriage. You have to keep it open, keep it honest. We have to make sure that the staff does not play one against the other . . . We respect one another."

Lee-Shanok was an SDM pharmacist for almost five years (most recently as pharmacy manager at a much grittier downtown store in a mixed neighborhood of both 'yuppy' professionals and hard-core substance abusers) before she set her sights on becoming an associate. Lovsin began his career with SDM as a stock clerk 17 years ago. The two had never met before being appoached by head office to take on the new downtown store. "We met for an hour over coffee" jokes Lee-Shanok about their instant rapport.

At head office, the idea of a dual partnership between pharmacy and frontshop had been tossed around for a while, and this two-level store was the perfect opportunity.

"They're both accountable for the entire store but you have equal commitment because they're partners. Since both parts of the store, the upper and the lower level, are equally important, having this kind of dual talent is very exciting," says Shoppers Drug Mart chair and chief executive officer David Bloom.

Once SDM secured the lease on the 80-year-old heritage building, Bloom paid a visit to several two-storey Duane Reed pharmacies in Manhattan to get ideas on space allocations.

At the new Shoppers Drug Mart store, the pharmacy and most OTC [over-the-counter] products (except skin care and medicated shampoo) are on the second floor, which measures 4,000 sq. ft. Upstairs also has space for feminine hygiene, stationery, household cleaning, and a postal outlet. "We didn't want to make it such that only ill people came upstairs," says Lee-Shanok.

One end of the dispensary counter, beside the cash register, is set aside for a partitioned patient counselling area.

The second floor actually overlooks the main level, which is 5,200 sq. ft., and shoppers have their choice of access: stairs, escalators, or elevator. A huge flashing arrow on the wall at the foot of the escalators points the way to second floor.

On the main level, the key to design is 'department-store look.' It actually begins before the customer enters. Giant make-up mirrors with brightly-lit bulbs entice passers-by on Yonge Street. Large, customized cosmetics images make for eye-grabbing window displays.

Once inside, first impressions include the cosmetics department, made up of 'boutique' counters for the various product lines, wide aisles, and the feeling of space afforded by the 'cathedral ceiling' and huge windows. A weekly cosmetics promotion — in April, that included hair casting, computerized hair imaging, and body-fat testing — helps build audiences.

Help from suppliers has been invaluable, says Lovsin. "This location is an opportunity for them. For instance, Revlon was very supportive in flying its helicopters over the expressway announcing our openings," adds Lee-Shanok.

Other perks and services include: free coffee, free popcorn, regular makeover sessions, a salon chair and sink for hair demonstrations, and a one-day photo service. Bulk and convenience-store foods (milk, yogurt, frozen dinners, baked items) are targeted at lunch-timers and commuters.

To keep things moving at checkout, there are 11 cash registers in all, each equipped with scanning technology.

On weekdays, the store opens at 7 a.m. to catch the before-work traffic. "A lot of people are used to the fact that at 6 p.m. everything shuts down. We haven't defined what our closing hours are . . . It doesn't say what time we're closed on our big sign and I think we've got to make a change there and shout out that we are open," says Lovsin.

Adds Lee-Shanok, "This store shows that pharmacists can take advantage of some great deals in leasing these days. And our presence on this block is already helping some of the other buildings nearby. We're hoping to help in the process of keeping the downtown visible."

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Frontshop manager Michael Lovsin and chief pharmacist Felicity Lee-Shanok in the newest Shoppers Drug Mart store.

Plants key to clean air

TORONTO — Goodbye to diamonds and dogs. Office plants should now be considered our best friends. At least, that's what a recent study by Ontario's Environment Ministry revealed.

The study has raised new concerns about the quality of office air. It shows that things like carpeting, insulation, office furniture, upholstery, printing inks, plastic, paint and adhesives give off pollutants that concentrate indoors. Prolonged exposure can cause skin irritation, headaches, short-term memory loss, and even cancer.

Big companies may be able to afford high-tech air purifiers to solve the problem, but for the small business entrepreneur, there's a cheaper way.

You can breathe more easily just by surrounding yourself with houseplants.

Highly recommended plants include spider plant, philodendron, pothos, aloe vera, spathiphyllum, English ivy, dracaenas, date palms, azaleas, poinsettas, and dieffenbachia. A rule to follow is to place two or three plants in eight- to ten-inch pots for every 100 square feet of floor space. Cut this number in half if you use tall plants.

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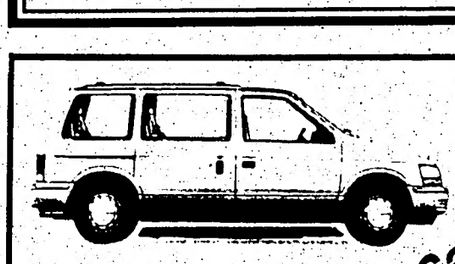

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ECONOMIC NEWS FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has ruled out imposing taxes on the stock market or on interest income from most savings instruments, bringing to an end speculation that has hounded the stock market since the beginning of the year.

The announcement came after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated his opposition to both taxes nearly two weeks ago, and after a week in which the stock market's two-sided index fell 8.6 percent.

Shohat based his decision on a fear that such changes would likely bring turmoil to the capital market. "I did not base my decision on theoretical considerations, but on the actual situation today," he said.

He added that this was a particularly sensitive time to make changes, as the economy requires stability and certainty. In addition, at a time when the government is speeding up the process of privatization by selling shares in many government companies on the stock market, it is better not to impose a new tax on the bourse, he said.

Shohat rejected comparisons with other countries' tax treatment of capital markets, saying: "Israel is not the **United States, England, Sweden, or Denmark**. Israel has its own characteristics, and it is possible that such tax here could discourage investors."

He also ruled out taxes on income derived from long-term bonds and savings programs, such as provident funds, for fear such a tax would discourage private saving.

Despite this decision, which eliminated the potential for an additional NIS 800 million in revenue, the Treasury announced that it would still be possible to implement proposed income tax reductions aimed at reducing the burden on those of middle income.

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TEL AVIV — EL AL should immediately be removed from receivership, without waiting for the problematic issue of its privatization to be resolved, say members of the Knesset finance committee.

"One shouldn't connect the two issues," said MK Haim Oron (Meretz). "There needs to be an immediate decision on [getting the company out of receivership]."

"Forget about the privatization," agreed MK Dan Tichon (Likud). "The two questions aren't related. It's an abnormal situation [for a company] to be without a board of directors for 11 years."

Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor), representing the minority view, argued the company should stay in receivership until it is privatized, for fear of a return to the crippling labor relations that caused its collapse 11 years ago.

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar supported the majority's view.

"There is no obstacle to removing the company from receivership, and I will demand that the Treasury do so," he said, adding that it was extremely unhealthy for a company whose annual turnover was nearly $1 billion to operate without a board of directors.

All the MKs agreed, however, that unlike removing the company from receivership - which would be relatively straightforward -several thorny issues need to be resolved before the airline can be privatized.

These include a negative shareholders' equity of $374 million, obligations to workers totaling $125 million, and the question of who will pay the airline's $52 million-a-year security bill.

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JERUSALEM — Fibronics announced it has been awarded two projects in France that initially are worth about $2 million.

The first project, already completed, is a communications system using fibre-optics technologies for Paris's Metro subway system. The project links long-range communications between individual stations and headquarters.

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Economy slows, demand rises

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Economic activity slowed down in the second quarter of the year, according to the Bank of Israel's quarterly company survey.

The slowdown was reflected mostly in local industry, trade, hotels and in the continuing drop in construction.

Nevertheless, the demand from abroad for industrial goods, tourism and transportation continued growing.

The number of companies reporting production growth in the second quarter was the lowest in the last four quarters. In addition, there was a drop in sales to the local market and inventories grew.

Utilization rates stopped expanding and so did the growth in the number of workers, increases that characterized the previous three quarters.

Analysis of the data by industry size shows that large firms experienced sharper production reductions and a more significant drop in sales to the local market than smaller firms.

Exports in the mining, chemicals, metals and electronics sectors grew, while there was significant drop in the local market demand for building materials, textiles, clothing and food.

As the number of housing starts continued dropping last quarter, completion times stretched out and production costs rose. Construction companies said that lack of workers was their main limitation.

Lack of workers remains a problem

This reflects the impact the closure of the territories has had on the construction sector during the second quarter of the year.

The growth in the hotel industry continued as foreign tourist occupancy rates - as well as the average turnover rate per hotel room - increased.

By contrast, occupancy rates for Israelis dropped, as they chose to travel abroad instead, due to the increase in local hotel prices.

A large number of the companies participating in the survey were optimistic about expanded economic activity in the third quarter.

They expect industrial exports and hotel stays to continue their upward trend. Construction companies were also optimistic regarding future building projects.

The Bank of Israel's research department compiles the quarterly company survey relating to actual developments during the past quarter and includes expectations for the next quarter.

The survey findings are based on questionnaire responses by 655 companies in industry, trade, construction, hotels, transportation and communications. The results are used to measure trends in economic activity.

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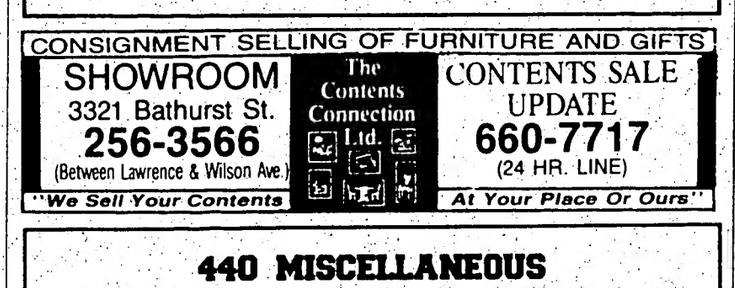

Hadassah leadership is a family affair

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — When Linda Waxman was installed as the new Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Council president recently, she became the third in a four-generation Hadassah family.

Made a life member of Hadassah-WIZO in 1973 by her grandmother, Becky Milgrom of Toronto, she was installed by her mother, Fran Simms, also a life member, who in turn made Linda's 13-year-old daughter, Robyn, a life member.

Waxman, a dental hygienist, succeeds Stephanie McLean. She is a past president of Hatikvah chapter, has served three years as bazaar co-convenor, and was responsible for initiating the tradition of a different bazaar theme each year as well as the highly successful CHAM Radio silent auction, which is still a major bazaar event.

At council level she has also been actively involved in youth aliyah and medical services events.

Her aim as president, she says, "is, of course, to meet our budget," to increase membership and to re-introduce leadership and public affairs seminars.

"I hope we'll see a lot of good things this year," says Waxman, who would like "all our members to have a feeling of personal satisfaction and belonging."

A highlight of the installation and dinner at Temple Anshe Sholom was the tribute to Shirley Noseworthy, who retires after 28 years as executive secretary-treasurer, and her family

Noseworthy was presented with a bracelet; her daughter, Shiran, who has served 18 years as executive secretary, received a ring and Noseworthy's 6-year-old granddaughter, Rebecca Blackman of Thornhill, presented her grandmother with a three-generation pin.

Past president Lorraine Cohen delivered a moving tribute to the late Esther Cohen, a dedicated and hard working member of Marietta chapter for 54 years.

The dinner and installation was "one of the best in a long time. We even made a profit," reports Christine Smurlick, the new corresponding secretary.

Besides Waxman and Smurlick, the new executive includes Miriam Silvert, first vice-president; Lila Strub, second vice-president; treasurer Anne Barrs; and recording secretary Rhonda Chaimovitz.

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Very attractive, articulate, cuddly, cultured, demonstrative, educated, fit, gregarious, non-kosher, professional, well groomed, 38, 5'10", 155lbs., black hair (a few grey), brown eyes, dark complexion, clean shaven, good teeth (all my own), Mom says "tall, dark and handsome", Secretary says "very presentable and eligible", with own home and successful career, seeks elegant, independent, non-smoking, professional, refined, sexy, single, successful woman 25-37, preferably with med/long black hair, sparkle in her eyes, fit and slim, with an occasional naughty side. Interests: Black tie, boating, cooking, dining out, downhill skiing, family, friends, jeans, movies, opera, racket sports, skating, snuggling, theatre. Detailed letter and photo (or an accurate description) appreciated. Utmost discretion assured. Reply to Box 5930 CJN, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

WIDOWER. You have replied twice to this heading and keep leaving times to meet that are difficult (7:45am at Marche). Give me a reasonable time and I will meet you and your Where magazine. Box 5932 CJN.

275 PERSONAL COMPANIONS WANTED

A modern Orthodox male, late 40's, active in the Lawrence and Bath community seeks a Sephardic female, trim, late 30's, 5'6". Reply 90 Atkinson Rd, # 804, Downs. M3J 2S5.

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Successful, fun-loving, marriage-minded Ottawa businessman, 48 (looks younger), divorced, no children, financially secure, well educated, semi-orthodox, average looking, 5'8", non-materialistic, good natured, very affectionate, sincere, non-smoker, has various interests, seeks serious lasting relationship with attractive lady, 35-40, having similar qualities of character, not too tall, who is more concerned with character than good looks, does not mind age disparity, who has either no children or one very young child and who might be thinking about relocation to Ottawa. Photo appreciated. Box 5931 CJN.

280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SEEKING LOCATION (storefront or office is ideal)- possibly to share with other program for lifeskills and visual arts program for disabled adults, ready to start in Sept. Risa, 633-7034.

300 ARTICLES FOR SALE

Fabulous Scassi beaded bridal gown. Size 10-12. 784-1332.

Richmond Hill Country Club single membership. $300. 638-6765 mornings or evenings.

305 ARTICLES WANTED

Quality antiques, contents and estates, furniture, rugs, china and silver, paintings, bronze, etc. 222-5839 or 833-6710.

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
RELLA DOCTORS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 8th
12:15 p.m.
Holy Blossom Memorial Park
Brimley Road
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
CAROLA KAHN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 15th
11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Beth Zion Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
STANLEY ROSSBY ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 1st
10:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim (new) Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAM ABE KATZ ז"ל
will take place
Monday, August 2nd
11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave., East of Keele
Pride of Israel Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

338 SHIVA CATERING

RACHEL'S CATERING
- SHIVA PLATTERS
- HOT & COLD MENUS
- SELECTION OF DELICIOUS SALADS

243 WILMINGTON AVE.
(Bathurst Manor Plaza)
633-6661

Adler, Morris on July 16, 1993, late of 144 Caribou Road
Anisman, Sandra on July 15, 1993, late of 175 Cumberland St., #1407
Cohen, Betty on July 13, 1993, late of 318 Ellerslie Ave.
Ezer, Ruth on July 18, 1993, late of 45 Greyhound Dr.
Grisor, Sam on July 12, 1993
Herberman, Dora on July 19, 1993
Khavkin, Uri on July 13, 1993, late of 605 Finch Ave. W. #1705
Notkin, Ilya on July 20, 1993, late of 755 Steeles Ave. W. #510
Wolf, Ruth on July 18, 1993, late of 623 Finch Ave. W. #811

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

Rebecca Pancer on July 7/93, late of 38 Meadowbrook #6
Mauricio Frisman on July 8/93, late of 4 Rollscourt Dr.
Asher Levinson on July 8/93, late of 74 Allingham Gardens
Bernard Goldman on July 9/93, late of 60 Timberlane Dr., Williamsville
Murray Warsh on July 9/93, late of 23 Valecrest Drive
Peretz Miransky on July 10/93, late of 1 Meadowbrook Road #3
Annette Shapero on July 8/93, late of 57 Shallmar Blvd.
Alan Olanow on July 10/93, late of 56 Charles Street West #1004
Zoila Rosenbaum on July 10/93, late of 6030 Bathurst Street #405
Elsie Cowan on July 11/93, late of 429 Walmer Road
Rose Blatt on July 121/93, late of 7 Coreydale Court

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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Call 422-2528
for information on rates

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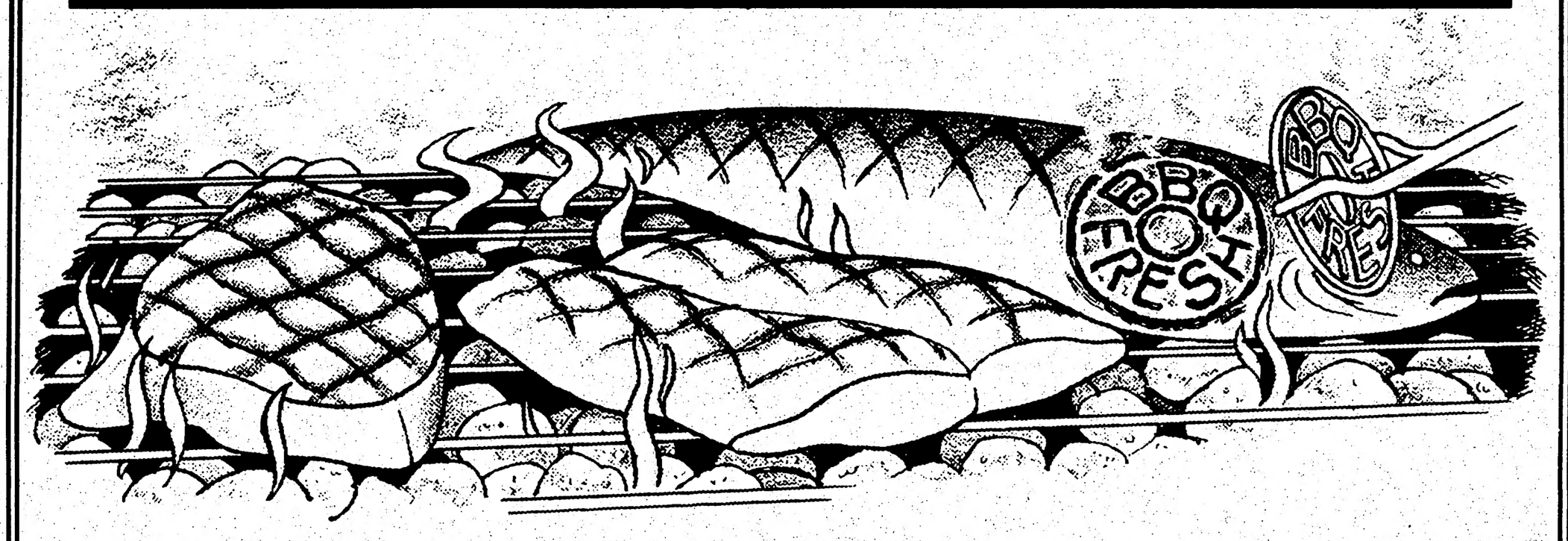
THE LARGEST SELECTION OF BARBECUED, FRESH FISH IN TORONTO



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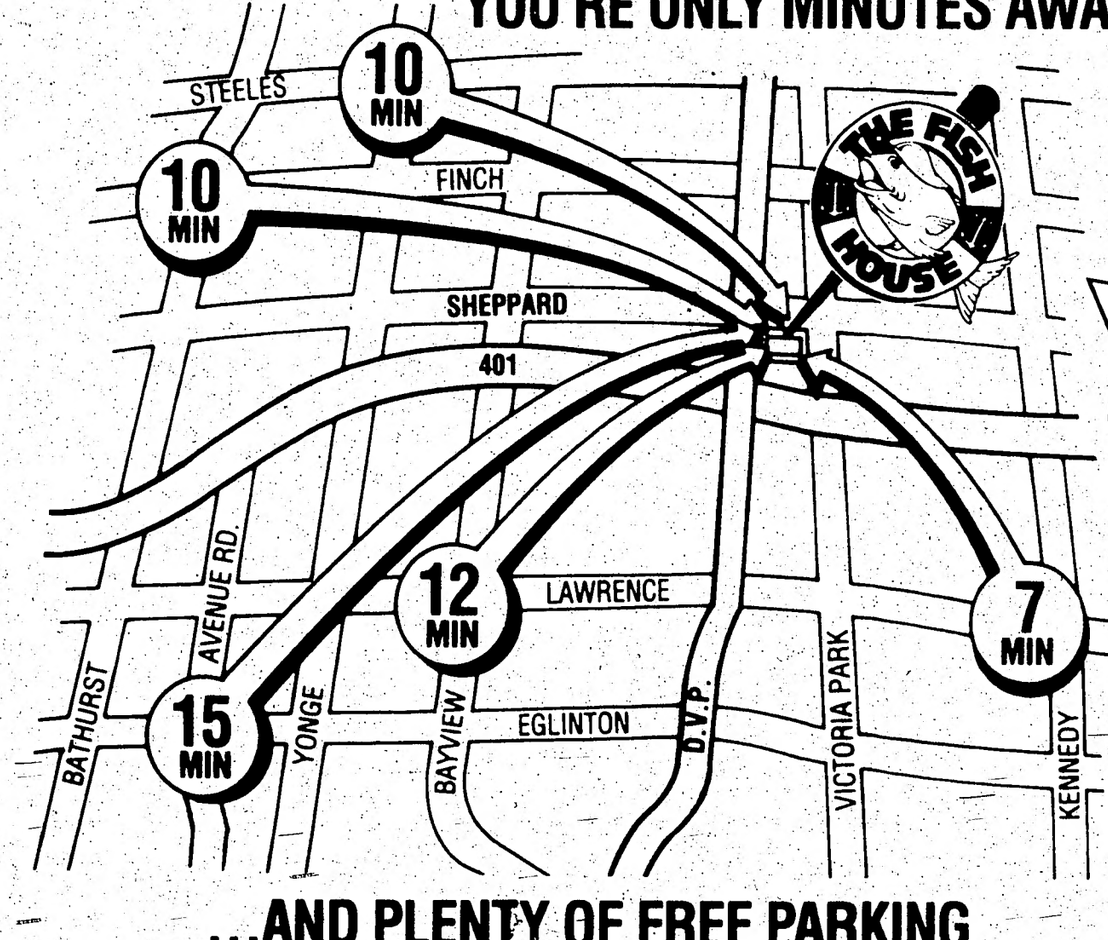

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309 FINCH AVE. W. (at Richard St.) WILLOWDALE
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We reserve the right to limit quantities.		12:40 PM	PICK UP AT JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. (at main entrance)	12:45 PM	PICK UP AT B'nai Brith Building 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)	1:00 PM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	2:00 PM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK		

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